



TERM 2

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Number 7

Greetings! Parents and Carers,

PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first disciples. This same Holy Spirit is still with us today! In the words of Pope Francis: **"A fundamental element of Pentecost is astonishment. Our God is a God of astonishment; this we know. No one expected anything more from the disciples only moments before, they were fearful and cowardly, a small group of defeated men grieving for their Master. But now, they went out and spoke with courage and candour. The people were astonished because each of them heard the disciples speaking in their own tongues, telling the great works of God. The Church, born at Pentecost is an astounding community, proclaiming now, as it did then, that Christ lives; He is risen!**

So, the Church is called into being forever, capable of astounding while proclaiming to all that God's arms are always open, that His patience is always there awaiting us in order to heal and forgive us." (From *Walking with Jesus* by Pope Francis)

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to forgive the sins of others, so too we are sent to bring reconciliation to the world by our willingness to forgive others and to resolve conflicts. We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us with this task. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff members who assisted in leading our students and visitors in prayer and reflection at last Friday's Pentecost Assembly. Our thanks to Mrs Rutherford our Religious Education Coordinator for preparing this assembly.

Georgina Cox
Principal

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, AMEN.

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IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

School Photos
Tuesday 29th May

**Family Day Liturgy,
Mufti Day, Open Classroom
& Lunch ~ supporting work
of CatholicCare**
Thursday 31st May

School Newsletter Dates:
Wednesday 6th June
Wednesday 20th June
Wednesday 4th July

Clothing Pool~P&F
8.30 am-9.15am
Friday 1st June

Hot Dog & Popper Stall
P&F
Friday 8th June

P&F Meeting~Staff Room
9.15am
Friday 22nd June

Clothing Pool ~ P&F
8.30am-9.15am
Friday 6th July

INFORMATION SENT HOME

Yr. 5 Bathurst Note
K-6 Athletics Program

17 Cameron Street
Doonside NSW 2767
Phone: 8869 6300
E:stjohnvianneys@parra.catholic.edu.au
W:www.stjohnvianneysdoonside.catholic.edu.au

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 19th June, 2018

This is a professional learning day for all staff. We will be focusing on Literacy and further developing our own pedagogical skills to provide focused and deep learning for our students at St John Vianney's Parish School.

This is a PUPIL FREE DAY. We thank you for your understanding and support.



Principal

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to our Year 1 students!

Our **Mothers' Day Assembly** was absolutely beautiful! It was a marvellous celebration, honouring all our mums, grandmothers and mother figures.

Thank you to Mrs Bayada, Mrs Derjani and Mrs Brook for the extra time, energy and work that went into preparing this assembly with your students. Year 1 truly captured what our mums mean to us, and what makes them so special. The prayers, words of appreciation and singing, their artwork and the humour displayed in their acting and writing really reflected the importance of our mums and the many ways they impact on our lives! The gift of the single carnation for each Mum was a touching and thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Anne Fidler and Mrs Robyn Formosa, for organising the delicious morning tea. We are so grateful to Robyn who came in especially to 'wrap & ribbon' 200 individual carnations for the assembly.

A very special THANK YOU to our AMAZING and ENERGETIC P&F, helpers and Mrs Smith our A.P. who were at the school from 6am preparing the delicious Mothers' Day Breakfast for all the Mums and family members who came to join us for this early morning community event! Of course there was much to do beforehand.....collating orders, buying the necessary 'goodies', cooking the bacon, eggs and sausages and of course setting up and then cleaning up! You are such big-hearted, generous people and we greatly appreciate the wonderful things you do for our school community!

God bless each one of you!

SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 29TH MAY

Envelopes to order photo packages have already been sent home. If you didn't receive these and you wish to order photos please contact the office.

This year the children need to be in their **FULL WINTER UNIFORM** for our school photos. **All students will need to be in their Winter Uniform with school tie available from Lowes Blacktown (not sports uniform), boys navy socks, girls navy tights and black shoes (not joggers) are to be worn. All girl's hair accessories are to be navy blue and long hair should be tied back, in a bun, ponytail, plaits etc.**

NAPLAN

Last week students in Year 3 & 5 completed their NAPLAN assessments. Thank you to Mrs Otazu, Mrs Asaad, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Rose, Miss Howard and Mrs Smith for their assistance in preparing and administering the tests using the set protocols. It was a big week for you and the Year 3 & 5 students. I am grateful for your professionalism and care given to all the students during this time.

KINDERGARTEN ENLMENTS 2019

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2019 are available from the office. If you have a child ready to commence Kindergarten next year, please return your completed enrolment application as soon as possible. Mrs Smith and I will be commencing interviews for Kinder 2019 soon. The school office will contact you to arrange an interview time.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At St John Vianney's Parish school, we continue to promote student attendance. **Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day.**

Below are the current attendance levels per Grade:

Kindy: ↓ 83.5%	Year 4: ↓ 79.2%
Year 1: ↑ 87.9%	Year 5: ↑ 81.8%
Year 2: ↑ 84.7%	Year 6: 79.8% same
Year 3: ↑ 93%	

- Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities.
- When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.
- As you can see our **current school average is 84.6%** which is **well below** our target of 90%.
- **We love seeing you at school and ready for learning. Let's make regular school attendance a priority for every family.**

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE

Parents, as you know, **it is very important that children attend school every day.** Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged. **Every school day is important for every student.**

*If you intend taking your child out of the school for **five days or more** you must make a formal application to the Principal **in writing** and also complete the 'Application for Extended Leave' form which is available from the school office. The application must be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the expected leave or earlier if possible.*

It is important for parents to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be approved. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place in all schools in the Parramatta Diocese to make sure that all students have the best opportunity to achieve to their full potential. We appreciate your support and understanding of these requirements.

Mrs Georgina Cox – Principal

Absence Explanation Note: If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to complete the 'Absentee Form' located under eForms.

Have You Changed Your Contact details???

We always need up to date information in case of emergency or other safety reasons.

Have you changed: Phone numbers? Email address?

Home address? Emergency contacts?

Please let the school office know ASAP so we can update family records.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018

Term 2: Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July 2018

Term 3: Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December 2018

❖ Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018

Religious Education News
Family Day Liturgy, Mufti Day, Open Classroom & Picnic Lunch
Thursday 31st May

On Thursday 31st May, St John Vianney's Parish School will be celebrating Family Day. We are asking all **children to wear mufti clothes** on this day and bring along a **gold coin donation** to support the work of CatholicCare. CatholicCare is the organisation in our diocese that offers services in support of families and the celebration of this day will occur at the request of Bishop Vincent.

Please join us to celebrate our Family Day Liturgy.

When:	Thursday 31st May 2018
Time:	12.00noon
Where:	MPR followed by the grass area for picnic lunch
What to bring:	* Gold coin donation for mufti day
	* Donation for the photo booth
	* Pinic lunch to share with your family

This will be followed by an opportunity for you to **visit your child's classroom** and to join your children for a **picnic lunch**. There will be a **photo booth** available for you to take some fun family photos for a donation. The photo booth will be available after the liturgy until the end of lunch at 2pm.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Pentecost

Sunday 20th May was Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of the birthday of the Church. On the day of Pentecost the disciples began their mission, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. As Christians we also have a mission to spread Jesus' message of love, peace and harmony. Just like the first disciples, we are called to be energetic and enthusiastic Christians and to share the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
2018 Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2018.
Oliver Villaret, Caitlin Morales, Chanel Morales, Gabriel Olegario, Josef Piquero, Liana Saba, Ayrton Tiongco, Olivia Jesson, Monique Papachristou, Alana Jesson, Zara Smith, Leni Smith & Justine Savari.

Well done!!

Mrs Kersivien

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You can subscribe to the newsletter through our school website and this will be emailed directly to you or view it on the SchoolBag App.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT

Accounts will be posted out by the Catholic Education Office next week
Fees are payable by **Wednesday 6th 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.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Thursday	May 24	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	May 25	Michael Elliott Aurthor ~Visit Yrs. 3-6 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Tuesday	May 29	(ICAS) Science ~ Yrs. 3-6 SCHOOL PHOTOS – Winter Uniform
Thursday	May 31	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 12.00noonFamily Day Liturgy, Mufti Day, Open Classrooms & Picnic Lunch supporting work of CatholicCare.
Friday	June 1	Yr. 3 Jarara Incurtion Yr.5 Bathurst Excursion 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Sunday	June 3	Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)
Thursday	June 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 8	Feast of the Sacred Heart 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR Hot Dog Day & Popper Stall ~ P&F
Monday	June 11	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday	June 13	Yr.1 Aquarium Excursion (ICAS) Spelling ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	June 14	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 (ICAS) Writing ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 15	2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Tuesday	June 19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ~ LITERACY (no school for students)
Wednesday	June 20	Primary Sports Carnival ~ Yrs.3-6
Thursday	June 21	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 22	9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR Semester 1 Reports K-6 go home
Monday	June 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Weeks 9 & 10)
Thursday	June 28	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	July 5	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	July 6	9.30am Student of the Term Assembly Pizza & Popper Day ~ P&F LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 23RD JULY

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 8 th June		Hot Dog Day & Popper Stall
Friday 22 nd June	9.15am	P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room
Friday 6 th July		Pizza Stall

Mothers' Day Breakfast

We had a fantastic turn out to our first Mothers' Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying breakfast with their mums, grandmothers and other family members who were able to join them for the morning. We appreciate all your support.

The morning would not have run so smoothly without our army of helpers who braved the cold to come and help us.

To our amazing BBQ cooks and those who helped set up and serve **THANK YOU**. It was an early start and we are so grateful that you took the time out of your busy morning routine. Together we prepared and served over 300 orders.

Another big **THANK YOU** to **Mrs Smith** who was at the school at 6am to help us set up.

Mothers' Day Stall

This year's Mothers' Day stall was a great success. It was fantastic to see all the children taking extra care in picking the perfect gift for their mums and grandmothers.

The P&F hope that everyone enjoyed their Mothers' Day and the gifts they received.

The P&F would like to thank all the wonderful ladies who helped to sell the gifts at the stall.

Your help enabled the stall to run smoothly and quickly, so thank you.

Hot Dog Day

On Friday 8th June, the P&F will be holding a hot dog and popper stall.

All hot dogs and poppers must be pre-ordered. Order forms will be sent home with your child shortly.

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 the hot dogs. **Please write your name and mobile number on your child's order form if you can help.**

P&F Meeting

On Monday 14th May at 7:00pm we held our first evening P&F meeting. It was lovely to see some familiar and new faces at our meeting. A decision was made to hold one morning and one evening meeting per term. Hopefully this will give everyone an opportunity to attend at least one meeting per term.

Our next P&F meeting will be on Friday 22nd June at 9:15 am in the staff room. Come along for a chat and find out what is happening during the term, we would love to see you there.

Staying in Touch



You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our "SJV

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool, which is located in the old canteen (near MPR entry), will be open on the following dates in Term 2 from 8:30 am to 9:15 am. **Friday 1st June and Friday 6th July.**

We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition and washed. Please leave items at the school office.

Thank you.

Teneille Shaw & Maryanne Vella

Maryanne Vella
P&F Secretary



MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the day, e.g. antibiotics, please send a note to the office together with the medication, details of dosage and time to be administered. If medication is required for a period of 5 days or more, a form will be sent home for completion. Just a reminder that NO MEDICATION is to be in your child's school bag. All medication must be kept in the office as we need to record all medication given to students.

The School's First Aid Officer requires updated copies of all Asthma Management Plans and Anaphylaxis Action Plans so that we are prepared to help your child in case of an emergency.

LITERACY

Finding Space in Our Lives for Literacy - Audiobooks

All too often when I talk to students about what they are reading at home they say that they didn't have the time. Soccer training, family commitments, helping with odd jobs around the house - our lives are very full and days and nights fly by so quickly we often end up wondering where the time has gone.

As our children need regular exposure to reading in their everyday lives to develop sound proficiency, we sometimes scratch our heads and wonder how we can find more time? Most students find an enjoyable and workable routine around their bedtime, as reading becomes ingrained in their daily settling into sleep. But not all students find this achievable as they may be getting to sleep quite late or are too fatigued by that time of the evening.

One answer to this could be Audiobooks.

An audiobook is a recording of a reading of a book such as a novel and there are many thousands available from many sources such as iTunes or Audible. Students can access free audiobooks to listen to from the 'elibrary' link from the classm8 login page. Instructions of how to do this can be found on the student Home Reading Log-book.

Audiobooks can be listened to while driving or going for a walk, or when involved in any activity that requires little concentration. There is an argument though that listening to an Audiobook is not reading and that it should be designated to the realm of entertainment. ***But there are many literary benefits of plugging into a good audiobook.***

Audiobooks:

- ***Introduce students to books above their reading level***
- ***Model good interpretive reading***
- ***Teach critical listening***
- ***Highlight the humor in books***
- ***Introduce new genres that students might not otherwise consider***
- ***Introduce new vocabulary or difficult proper names or locales***
- ***Provide a read-aloud model***
- ***Provide a bridge to important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or on vacations***
- ***Recapture "the essence and the delights of hearing stories beautifully told by extraordinarily talented storytellers"***

Additionally, many audiobooks are read by the author or include commentary by the author. This information can provide students with a connection to the author as well as insight into the author's thoughts and the writing process.

Even with all the benefits of audiobooks, however, they are not for all students. For some, the pace may be too fast or too slow. For others, the narrator's voice can be irritating or the use of cassette or CD players can be cumbersome when compared to the flexibility of the book. But ***the majority of students will find listening to well-narrated, quality literature to be a transformative experience.***

And the other thing - for the first time, when you're sitting in traffic, you may be actually happy that you have time to listen to the rest of the chapter!

Mr Simon Stennett - Literacy Coordinator

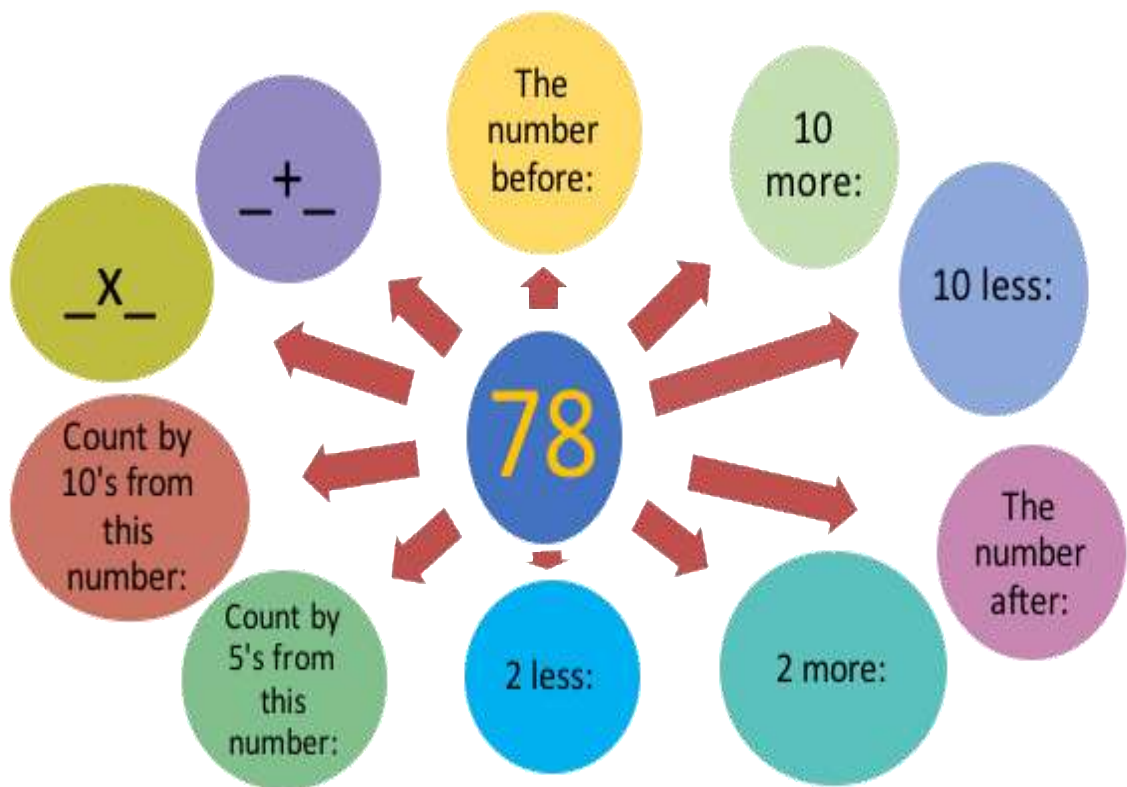
Numeracy

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Extending Mathematical Understanding

This week, the focus for Numeracy is **Number Busting**. The *Magic Number* this week is **78**. Children solve the problems in the circles below keeping in mind the number they are busting is 78. Please feel free to change the *Magic Number*.



Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KBLUE

Lurich Teng
Justine Savari
Valentina Matura
Mica Enrile
Rahn Albeos
Ethan Flores

KGOLD

Jaycee Pelias
Neralie Bennett
Sophia Olegario
Liam Allie
Gabriel Crisostomo
Evelyn Joshy

IBLUE

Chanel Maningat
Kino Castillo
Emily Bottomley
Brooke Shaw
Isis Daraoy
Brandan Gaspi

1GOLD

Jessica Laidlaw
David Lopez
Mia Castro Candiotti
Romeo Marasigan
Enrique Gomez
Sabrina Santiago

2BLUE

Jamae Abadiano
Sharmaine Bompat
Mile Siric
Jett Cuevas
Phoenix Masters-Barber-Sio
Sebastian Gaspi
Alyanna Manningat
Elijah Angok

2GOLD

Dean Sultana
George Mikhail
Majella Nguyen
Denzell Crisostomo
Niya Kanesh
Jack Vatuloka

Elijah Angok

3BLUE

Geneika Fadlen
Nina Isakov
John Carlo Simon
Samuel Vella
Gabriel Hidalgo
Alexia Williams

3GOLD

Vatican Talione
Linda Aggrey
Elias Hellouie
Roslind Cabiguen
Lidya Habtemikel
Andrew Ibrahim

4BLUE

Keira Hamilton
Calvin Maningat
Caitlin Ortega
Hayden Tarr
Tyarra Jimenez
Charlotte Attard

4GOLD

Ethan McInyre
Allistaire Reyes
Nicolas Perez
Niyat Habtemikel
Andrew Aggrey
Khodi Azzopardi

5BLUE

Aniya Jomon
Adam Mercieca
Adrienne Sultana
Ethan Frendo
Ethan Micallef
Sienna Tecala

5GOLD

Lara Derjani
Chelsea Hidalgo
Ian Ceniza
Jasmine Rull
Ashyana Herd
Jeremy Portelli

6BLUE

Jenzel Rindfleish
Dominic Mercado
Grace Boktor
Emily Yaneza
Deborah Angelo
Dean Ocampo

6GOLD

Jacob Vatuloka
Louise Feliciano
Cyanne Delacruz
Angelique Papachristou
Basil Joseph
Angelo Williams

CHILD PROTECTION

Building Child Safe Communities New procedures reminders for volunteers

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

If you are considering volunteering for school excursions, sports carnivals etc. it is important to complete the requirement as set out below.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and a briefing every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers.

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link below.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

Click on Start the module.

Volunteers

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE STEP 1 AND STEP 2

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for each location that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

VOLUNTEER FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

TRAINING MODULE

PRIVACY STATEMENT



**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

Also offering pick up from school and drop to home Please call 0410 881 647

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FOR YEAR 11**

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and learn more.

**ST AGNES CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL ROOTY HILL**

Monday 4 June 6.30pm
Evans Road, Rooty Hill