



TERM 3

AUGUST 9TH

Number 12

INFLUENZA 'A' (FLU)

Influenza A is a highly contagious respiratory illness. It is quite different from the common cold, which is less severe. Influenza A is caused by infection with a virus. It is often called 'the flu'.

Some Influenza A symptoms:

- *Fever & chills*
- *Headache & muscle aches*
- *Feeling tired & weak*
- *Sneezing & stuffy or runny nose*
- *Sore throat & cough*

Children may also have abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

Treatment:

- ♥ *Resting in bed*
- ♥ *Taking mild pain killers*
- ♥ *Drinking plenty of fluids*
- ♥ *Eating light foods, when hungry*

Colds and Flu spread very easily from one person (child/adult) to another. The best way to avoid spreading the virus is to keep your child at home until they are well. If you are concerned that your child is getting worse instead of better, then it's best to see a doctor.

Thank You! (Information from NSW Department of Health)

Greetings, dear Parents and Carers!

What an eventful 2 weeks we've had since our last school newsletter!

As a Catholic community we celebrated two significant feast days. Last Friday, 4th August, we celebrated the feast of our parish and school patron saint, **St John Vianney** and last Tuesday 8th August, we celebrated the feast of our own Australian saint, **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**. Both days began beautifully with a special prayer time in the Infants classes and our primary classes attending Mass.

The remainder of last Friday was one of fun and celebration. As promised, the students were treated to a very special SURPRISE! We could sense the excitement and anticipation leading up to Friday throughout the school! It was just wonderful to see the children beaming with excitement and happiness as they bumped and rolled in the **Bubble Balls**, jumped, climbed and slid in the **Jumping Castle** and the inflatable **Obstacle Course** and of course the hit of the day.....climbing into the **Zorb Ball** and running inside it to make it move them forward. I'm sure your children couldn't wait to tell you all about their great day. It was indeed a happy and memorable day for our school community!

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 11th August
9.15am P& Meeting~ Staff
Room**

**Friday 1st September
Fathers' Day Breakfast
8.00am ~ P&F
9.30am Fathers' Assembly**

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Next Tuesday 15th August, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Years 3-6 will be attending Mass at 9.15am.

GRANDPARENTS' ASSEMBLY

On Friday 28th July, our wonderful Kindergarten students paid tribute to all Grandparents at our annual Grandparents' Assembly. I'm quite certain their beautiful sentiments which were shared through readings, songs, artwork and movement touched the hearts of all who were present. These amazing little Kindy students carried out their special roles with such confidence and joy! What a beautiful way to honour Grandparentsthe 'wise and loving elders' of our families. A very sincere THANK YOU to our Kindy teachers, Mrs Tierney and Mrs Field who worked their 'magic' to prepare their students so well for this magical and loving experience.

REFLECTION:

***There is a place inside us
Where each and every one of us
Is being touched and held unconditionally
In God's love.***

Blessings!

***Georgina Cox
Principal***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August has brought us a number of important feast days and the 15th August will be the Feast of the Assumption. This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul being assumed into heaven and was also a time for us to reflect on the kind of life and person that Mary was and learn from her example.

In the Gospel of Luke we see Mary say *yes* to the angel Gabriel who asked her to bear the Son of God. She was chosen by God to take on the responsibility of being the mother of our Saviour. This took Mary by surprise but she responded by saying *yes*, "be it done unto me according to your word." Mary did not have an easy life. She watched her son strive to teach the Jewish people the message of God against powerful critics who opposed him. She witnessed his pain as Jesus, her only son, was accused of crimes he didn't commit and was tortured and crucified but throughout these difficult times, Mary stayed faithful and found strength in God.

What can we learn from Mary?

We can learn to be faithful followers like Mary and "walk with God always, even in moments of weakness" and always remember, "God is our Strength."

Pope Francis: Say Yes to God like Mary.

Religious Literacy Assessment – Year 4 and Year 6

In Religious Education, like in all other Key Learning Areas, teachers are continually assessing students' learning. In addition to these assessments Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a Diocesan Assessment during Term 3. The students will complete an online assessment during class time. In addition to the online assessment Year 4 students will also complete a formal class assessment on the Religious Education Unit, *Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing*. A report based on this assessment will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

**Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator**



Father's' Day Assembly
Lead by Year 4

When: Friday 1st September 2017

Time: 9:30am

Where: Multi-Purpose Room

Please join us for morning tea after the assembly.

VOICE of YOUTH CLUSTER FINAL

On Tuesday 8th August, 8 school finalists from Year 6 delivered their interesting and well planned speeches to an audience of their peers, teachers and parents.

*CONGRATULATIONS to **Keith Sarol and Bianca Baay** who will represent St John Vianney's Parish School at the Voice of Youth Cluster on Wednesday 16th August at St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Glendenning. **Well done to Sebastian Franjic** who has been selected as the reserve.*

We wish you all the best of luck on the day! We know you will do a great job!

*Thank you to Mrs Moseley and Mrs Rutherford for your dedication in preparing the Year 6 students for this event. Our thanks also to our **judges Mrs Dobrzynski, Mrs Kersivien and Mrs Rose** who brought their knowledge and expertise to the difficult task of selecting our representatives.*

MILO T20 SCHOOL CUP

On Monday, August 7, 40 of Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the Milo T/20 Blast School Cup at Blacktown International Sportspark. This event was organised and run by Cricket NSW. During this event the students played 4 games in which they batted, bowled, fielded and experienced being the wicketkeeper.

There were many highlights throughout the day with wickets being taken, lots of fours and sixes being hit, run outs being achieved by accurate throwing and a huge amount of cheering.

This day would not have been possible without the help of **Mrs Franjic, Mrs Boktor, Mrs Bernard, Mr Fidler and Mrs Brook** who all very generously supported and guided a team. Thank you so much.

The biggest thank you most go to our students who shared their good sportsmanship and manners with each team that they played during the day. I am very proud of you all.

Mrs Tierney

NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

In preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2019, all CEDP schools will complete a NAPLAN Online Readiness Test in Term 3 of 2017. **ALL Year 3 and Year 5 students at St John Vianney's will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test from 14/8 – 19/8.**

The school readiness test is a '**practice run**' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is **NOT** an assessment of student ability. **NO RESULTS will be collated or sent home.** We have sent home a ***NAPLAN Online Facts Sheet for Parents and Carers.***

For more information please refer to;

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2017cedpnaplanonlinereadiness/information-for-parents>

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

The school day at St John Vianney's begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm. Supervision begins at 8:30am (NOT EARLIER)!

We expect ALL students to be punctual. There may be times when for various reasons, students arrive late. In this case **the adult who brings the student to school MUST fill in the late note at the office** noting the arrival time and the reason for the late arrival.

Please DO NOT just drop your child at the gate if you are late. Students whose parents/carers do not complete a late note at the office will be recorded as '**Absence Unexplained**' in our records.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School Attendance is one of the most challenging issues facing schools today.

We understand the impact that attendance can have on a student's wellbeing, academic achievement and success for the future.

To improve the education outcomes for each student and provide all student with an equal opportunity to learn, they need to be at school regularly.

Research confirms that regular **school attendance matters** and poor attendance is 'a long fuse with a big bang.'

As parents and carers you play a vital role in ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

Our current school attendance level is 85%.

The target for all schools in the Parramatta Diocese is 90% or above.



ENROLMENTS 2018

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018 are almost complete. If you have a sibling ready to come to school in 2018, please pick up your Enrolment Application and arrange an interview time as soon as possible within the next two weeks.

KEEP US INFORMED

If you have updated your email address or phone numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. It is important to have ALL contact details up to date for our records to ensure we can contact you when necessary.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3

Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. Fees are payable by **Monday 21st August**. Please contact Mrs Fletcher, before the due date, if you are unable to finalise your account.

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.

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.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Friday	August 11	9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~MPR
Tuesday	August 15	9.15am Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Yrs. 3-6 (ICAS) Maths Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6 Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	August 16	10.00am Voice of Youth Cluster Final ~ Yr. 6 - Glendenning
Friday	August 18	2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Monday Friday	August 21 to September 15	Religious Literacy Online Test ~ Yr.4
Thursday	August 24	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Professor Maths incursion ~ K-6
Friday	August 25	Professor Maths incursion ~ K-6 Diocesan Athletic Carnival NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Monday	August 28	Life Education Van ~ K-6 9.00am Fathers' Day Gift Wrapping ~ P&F- Blue Room
Tuesday	August 29	Life Education Van~ K-6 Featherdale ~Year 3 Excursion
Wednesday	August 30	Life Education Van ~ K-6
Thursday	August 31	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Life Education Van ~K-6
Friday	September 1	8.00am Fathers' Day Breakfast ~ P&F 9.30am Fathers' Day Assembly Led by Yr. 4 ~ MPR 11.30am Fathers' Day Stall ~ P&F Life Education Van ~ K-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Thursday	September 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Camsley Hill Farm ~ Kindergarten Excursion
Friday	September 8	11.30 NRL Clinic ~ Yr. 3-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Thursday	September 14	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Infants Fun Sports Day ~ K-2 Milo T 20 Cricket Yrs. 3&4
Friday	September 15	11.30 NRL Clinic ~ Yrs. 3-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Thursday	September 21	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	September 22	9.30am Student of the Term ~ MPR 11.30 NRL ~ Yrs.3-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY LAST DAY OF TERM

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF Emily Al Lati
Manny Cabiguen
Nathan Abreu
Annabel Kemppainen
Lucy Borg
Jacinta Aquino

KT Levi Knight
Riddhima Thimma
Joaquin Castillo
James Tarr
Eliza Arranz
Marina Siric

IB Eliah Angok
Alexandra Castillo
Stella-Rose Deluca
Eliah Angok
Tiago Beslista
Annabelle Valenzuela
Jaideen Labo

1D Gabriel Talione
Skye Garcia
Isabella Attard
Estelle Payne
Isaac Robertson
Sage Cheng

2C Maria Kanesh
Aidan Feliciano
Amelia Azzopardi
Aubriana Obligacoan
George Sokar
Moses Justin

2S Elias Hellouie
Charlize Pascale
Carmen Sokar
Clare Ciappara
Isaac Bayada
Alyssa Forster

3A Monique Papachristou
Rhianna Bartlett
Dominic Pino-Undzillo
Sarah Muhammad
Allistaire Reyes
Timothy Cheng

30 Mico Aducayen
Rylarni DuRoss
Nathan Ison
Kristian Bermudez
Joshua Joubran
Cryztle Espino

4D Sienna Tecala
Josef Piquero
Charlize Mahusay
Brooke Ayliffe
Thomas Donevski
Blake Norris

4M Angelica Mallett
Pedrito Gatbonton
Lara Derjani
Avria Bergado
Gabrielle De Guzman
Jeremy Portelli

5HJ Jairo Arispe
Madison Allie
Naomi Girgis
Alyssa Guillermo
Maximus Lovering
Adriel Padernilla

5R Andrew Lovering
Gabriel Olegario
Mariya D'Cruz
Edward Paul
Jackson Malouf
Charlize El Boustani

6M Jacob Bolton
Veronika Pino-Undzillo
Leila Mamaril
Samuel Gutierrez
Willson Go
Jayden Ramia

6R Ivana Siric
Mariam Ghannami
Vincent Crisostmo
Amayah Burns
Carl Aringo
Eliana Frendo

LIBRARY NEWS
2017 Premier's Reading Challenge



The following students have completed the 2017 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: **Hayley Gunnion, Boris Prokhorov, Mark Bector, Emily Bottomley, Annabelle Abouchaaya, Avryl Bergardo, Niya Kanesh, Javier Pelias Brenda Abreu, Maria Kanesh, Margaux Lim, Amber Menardo, Matthew Buttigieg, Timothy Cheng, Tyarra Jimenez, Avria Bergado, Louise Feliciano, Sophia Pastoral, Sarina Singh, Adelle Hogan, BrandonDuff, Bella-Angel Flores, Celestine Cabiguen Manny Cabiguen, Denzell Crisostomo, Annabelle Muljono, Roslind Cabiguen, Samuel Hogan, Micaela Sibucan, Vincent Crisostomo**

Well done!!
Mrs Kersivien

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Blacktown City Libraries supports your child learning how to read

Blacktown City Libraries have recently revamped their collection of readers that will assist your child to practice this new skill. We have over 9,000 items for your child to read.

We have graded the collection to make selection easier:

Yellow

- * 1 word up to 2 sentences per page
- * Everyday words of 1-2 syllables.

Red

- *3 sentences up to 6 sentences per page, with simple language
- *Everyday words of 1-2 syllables.

Green

- *Bigger paragraphs and longer sentences with a few complex of 2-4 syllables
- *First chapter books – up to 3 chapters
- *Up to 10 sentences per page.

Blue

- *Short chapter books – between 4-10 chapters
- *Most books are in a series meant for learning to read
e.g. Nibbles, Hey Jack, Rainbow Magic Early Reader
- *Books for independent reading.

We also have a great bookmark called the ‘Five Finger Test’ to help you and your child to select the right book for them to practice with.

Do the five finger test:

1. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read.
2. Each time your child cannot read a word, put one finger down.
3. If you put down five fingers on this page, stop reading.
4. The book is probably too hard for your child right now.
5. Choose another book, or read the book to them.

So come along to your local library to check out the readers collection and discover that the library has so much more than books!

Check out our website at

<http://www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au>

Spot the Dot on the Readers



We've made it easier for you to find your child's reading level.

How it Works

1

- 1 word up to 2 sentences per page.
- Everyday words of 1 - 2 syllables.

2

- 3 sentences up to 6 sentences per page, with simple language.
- Everyday words of 1 - 2 syllables.

3

- Bigger paragraphs and longer sentences with a few complex words of 2 - 4 syllables.
- First chapter books - up to 3 chapters.
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4

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P&F NEWS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday 28 th August	9:00am	Fathers' Day wrapping
Friday 1 st September	8:00am	Fathers' Day Breakfast
Friday 1 st September	After recess	Fathers' Day Stall
TBA		Chocolate Fundraising

Chocolate Fundraising Donation

This term is our major fundraising event. Chocolates will be sold again this year. As in previous years instead of selling a box of chocolates parents can choose to make a donation of \$20 per family which is the profit that is made from a box of chocolates being sold. So if you find it hard to sell the chocolates or end up buying the whole box yourself then this is a good option for you. A note has been sent home with your child this week with details.

Fathers' Day Gift Preparation

The P&F would greatly appreciate any volunteers who are available to help on **Monday 28th August**. There are over **400 Fathers' Day gifts** which need to be put in gift bags to be sold at our stall. This is a big task and we would appreciate the help greatly. Could all volunteers meet in the Blue Room straight after the morning assembly. Any amount of time you can spare would be wonderful.

Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers' Day stall will be held on **Friday 1st September** after recess. A wonderful selection of high quality gifts has been sourced and will be on sale for the price of \$7. There is a great variety of gifts to suit all Dads and Grandfathers. Cards will also be on sale for \$1. Volunteers to assist with selling the gifts on the day would be greatly appreciated. So put this date in your diary if you are able to help. Any help would be wonderful, if you can only give an hour of your time that would be greatly appreciated.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

On Friday 1st September, Fathers' Day Breakfast! This will be held before school at 8.00am and you will need to pre order breakfast. Order forms will be sent home shortly with your child.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 11th August at 9:15am** in the staffroom. We hope everyone will come along and share their thoughts and ideas. We would love for you to come and have a coffee and some morning tea and toddlers are most welcome to attend.

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
svj.pandf@gmail.com

CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

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



KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL
PICK-UP & 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

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