



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

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**Dear Parents,
Greetings to All!**

Congratulations!

**YEAR 6
STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL WINNERS
2016 ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARD**

*During the two weeks since the last newsletter, our school has received news which gives us cause for celebration! **For the 5th consecutive year, our Year 6 students are the proud NSW Winners of the Anzac Day Schools' Awards!** These awards promote initiative and creativity in the way schools commemorate Anzac Day. The **theme** chosen for SJV's submission was '**Linking the Service of the Past to the Present**'. The learning and research for these projects was completed while the students were in Year 5. **It is important to recognise, honour and acknowledge the incredible work done by Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Rose and Mrs Hastings. It is their creativity, passion for history, enthusiasm and hard work that has given our Year 5 students the opportunity to engage in such a meaningful and important learning experiences which instilled in them a respect for our veterans and an understanding of the importance of Anzac Day. For all your hard work we say 'THANK YOU'.***

*This year, 68 schools from around Australia entered. Each state and territory winner receives a cheque for \$2000, a commemorative plaque and certificates. At a special assembly last Friday, Mr John O'Brien from Blacktown RSL, himself a veteran who served in Malaya, visited our school to present Year 6 with the 2016 Anzac Day Schools' Award. **Congratulations to all our Year 6 students, Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Rose and Mrs Hastings on this wonderful achievement!***

For more information on the Awards and a list of all the winners visit:

www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

It was also timely that at last Friday's assembly, our school community celebrated the service of a number of our staff who have worked in Catholic schools for 5 years or more. Every 2 years, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, recognises years of service with a ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. St John Vianney's staff were presented with their Certificate of Recognition for dedicated and faithful ministry in Catholic Education. We are indeed fortunate to have these wonderful individuals as part of our school 'family'! May God bless you for all you have done and continue to do for Catholic education.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ice Block & Zooper
Dooper Stall
Fridays November 4th,
November 18th and
December 2nd**

**Oscar & Samantha
Friday 4th November,
Friday 11th November and
Friday 18th November**

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INFORMATION SENT HOME:

**Year 6 Graduation
Mementos ~ P&F**

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO:

Mrs Ursula Dobrzynski (45 years), Mrs Margaret Hancock (35 years), Mrs Denise O'Reilly (30 years), Ms Wendy Howard (25 years), Mrs Cheryl Field (25 years), Mrs Cathy Moylan (20 years), Mrs Rhonda Kelly (20years), Mrs Anne Fletcher(20 years), Mrs Arze Derjani (10 years), Mrs Anne Derrett (10years), Mr Bernard D'Souza (5 years).



REMEMBRANCE DAY – LEST WE FORGET

Next Friday, the 11th day of the 11th month, at 11am, our nation and the St John Vianney's community will pause for one minute's silence to remember, honour, give thanks and pray for those who suffered or died for the freedoms we now enjoy in our country, Australia. They will live on in our memories and the memories of generations to come, through the stories, music, poetry and images which remind us that these men and women were extraordinary human beings. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Let us continue to pray for peace and freedom in our world and for those men, women and children currently affected by unrest and conflict around the world. May the God of love and mercy continue to hold them in the palm of His hand and keep them safe from all harm. We pray that all those living in this great land, Australia, may have the grace to live in the spirit of justice, compassion, generosity and peace. We pray this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION VISITS

*Last week we commenced the Kindergarten 2017 Orientation visits. The new Kindy students come in small groups on a designated day and spend the morning session in a current Kindy classroom. They have been very excited about coming to 'big school'! **Thanks to Mrs Tierney and Mrs Field** who make sure the children have a thoroughly enjoyable visit. On these orientation mornings, a small group of our current Kindy students spend the morning session in a Year 1 class. All the current Kindy students have a turn visiting Year 1! **Thanks to our Year 1 teachers, Mrs Bayada, Mrs Sultana and Mrs Derjani** for providing the visiting Kindy students with a fun preview to Year 1.*

We look forward to officially welcoming our new Kindergarten students into the St John Vianney school community in 2017.



THANK YOU MORNING TEA

*A special 'Thank You' morning tea will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 10am on Tuesday 22nd November. This is our school's way of showing our gratitude to all the 'helpers' who have so generously given of their time to help in our school in a variety of ways this year. Invitations have been sent and **RSVPs are due by Tuesday 15th November.***

Blessings!

Georgina Cox
Principal

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Tuesday, November 1st was the feast of All Saints and today 2nd November is the feast of All Souls.

The Feast of All Saints is a rich and beautiful tradition within the Church. It honours those who have died, it reminds us that we are part of a wider communion of holy people, and it affirms our faith in God's loving fidelity. This is a day for us to remember the lives of the saints and to celebrate their holiness. Pope John Paul II invited all Catholics to be saints of the New Millennium. During his Pontificate, he beatified 1338 men and women and canonized 482 new saints. Holiness is not reserved for priests and religious alone. All people, no matter what their walk of life or background, are invited by Jesus Christ to follow Him.



Who are the saints in your life?

November is the month the church dedicates to the Holy Souls. In every hour of the day, in every day that passes, the Church in every offering of the Mass intercedes for those "who have fallen asleep in the Lord."

In a particular way during November the Church teaches us how we can best help our departed loved ones by our prayers, by our alms to the poor, by our sacrifices, especially the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

During the month of November we pray for all those who have gone before us and who are now at eternal rest with Christ by their side. We remember especially those who have died in the past year.

We will be placing a 'Book of Remembrance' in our front foyer during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of family members or friends who have died, in our book. Alternatively, please send names in to the school office and we will enter them on your behalf. A candle will be kept alight during the day near the Book of Remembrance and names will be read out at each morning assembly before our prayer.



**Helen Rose
Acting RE**

SPORTS NEWS

SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN !!!!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our very talented athlete **CLARA NOURDINE** who has been selected to participate in the NSWPSA State Team and will compete in the School Sport Australian Championships on Friday, 25th November. The event will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, Homebush.

Clara placed 2nd in the long jump with a personal best jump of 4.80m to qualify for the Nationals.
AMAZING !!!

We all wish Clara the best of luck in her last competition at primary school level and hope that she flies far enough through the air to possibly snatch another title to add to her already impressive achievements.

GO CLARA GO !!!

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Thursday	November 3	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation 9.15am-10.45am
Friday	November 4	9.00am -11.00am Oscar & Samantha Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Tuesday	November 8	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation 9.15am-10.45am
Wednesday	November 9	CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY ~ Mission Appeal
Thursday	November 10	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6 Kindergarten 2017 Orientation 9.15am-10.45am
Friday	November 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY 9.00am -11.00am Oscar & Samantha 9.30am Healthy Lunch Box talk for new Kindy Parents ~ Library 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Thursday	November 17	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 18	9.00am -11.00am Oscar & Samantha Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F
Sunday	November 20	9.30am SJV First Holy Communion
Tuesday	November 22	10.00AM PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA ~ MPR
Wednesday	November 23	5.30pm-9.00pm Indigenous Awards Evening ~ Bowman Hall Blacktown
Thursday	November 24	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 25	9.30am Advent Assembly – Led by Year 3 ~ MPR
Sunday	November 27	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Thursday	December 1	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 2	Student of the Term, Clear Speaking Awards, Religion Awards Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room
Sunday	December 4	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 6	Variety Club Christmas Party
Wednesday	December 7	9.30am Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly ~ MPR
Thursday	December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6 Semester 2 Reports go home ~ Yr. 6
Friday	December 9	9.30am Year 6 Graduation MPR Semester 2 Reports go home ~ K-5
Sunday	December 11	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 12	Vision Valley Year 6
Tuesday	December 13	9.30am Christmas Assembly ~ Led by Year 2 2.00pm -3.00pm Change over afternoon
Thursday	December 15	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	16 December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Monday	December 19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday	December 20	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 30th January 2017 School Resumes for Students Yrs. 1-6

Thursday 2nd February 2017 ~ Kindergarten Commences

Friday 3rd February 2017 ~ Primary Swimming Carnival Years 3-6

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday 4 th Nov	9:00am	Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup
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Friday 4 th Nov		Return money for year 6 graduation bears/balls
Friday 11 th Nov	9:00am	Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup

Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup

The transition to school playgroup – ‘Oscar & Samantha’, has been going for two weeks now. The children are super excited about starting Kindergarten next year and are having fun meeting new friends and getting to know the school. They have enjoyed painting, dancing, ball games and listening to stories. It is great to see so many children enjoying the program.

Ice Block Stall

The next ice block and zooper dooper stall will be held on Friday 4th November at lunchtime. Ice blocks will cost \$1 and zooper doopers will cost 50c. Please bring money on the day, there is no need to pre order.

Year 6 Graduation balls/bears

Order forms were sent home to year 6 students who wish to order graduation bears and balls with pens. The order forms and money need to be returned to school by Friday 4th November. This is optional for all families, however it is a great memento of their friends and time in primary school.

Parent & Friends Annual General Meeting

It was very disappointing that no one turned up to our annual general meeting last Friday except the current committee members. Therefore not all of the committee positions for 2017 could be filled. There are 2 vacancies for the roles of President and Vice President. The current members will continue to assist until the end of this year, but we need some other volunteers to fill these roles in from 2017 to ensure the P&F continues to grow.

It would be a shame if the children could no longer have ice blocks, hot dog days, noodle days, cake stalls etc. as we know how much they look forward to these days. It is not hard work to take on these positions and there will be 2 experienced committee members who will be there to guide and help you along the way. If you are interested in taking on a role we can work around your schedule and you don't need to be on site for every stall. If you would like to know further information or are interested in a role, please contact us in person, through the P&F Facebook page, or by email at sjv.pandf@gmail.com.

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 2nd December at 2pm, Staffroom

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 2nd December at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces and get some new ideas. Come along and hear what is happening at school, including plans for 2017. Grandparents and extended family are also welcome to join us.

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
sjv.pandf@gmail.com

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF Lachlan Fajardo
Tyenna Jimenez
Dean Sultana
Jayden Derjani
Denzell Crisostomo
Angelina Chaghoury

KT Nicole Maliwat
Niya Kanesh
Joseph Abou-Yaghi
Caleb Dacayo
Arrabel Gutierrez
Sharmaine Bompat

IBJ Clare Ciappara
Carlos Lopez
Amelia Azzopardi
Brenda Abreu
Vatican Talione
Elias Hellouie

1D Kobe Sococ
Taylor Tuamtong
Jack Vatuloka
Lucas Ocampo
Isaac Bayada
Nina Isakov

2C Samuel Hogan
Angelica Iaca
Vikram Prasad
Ruby Black
Dominik Pino-Undzillo
Tyarrah Jimenez

2F Laura Dobysh
Calvin Maningat
Elianah San Pedro
Naomi Kaduthodil
Airabelle Quiazon
Lachlan Rull

3A Daniel Sinclair
Liam Robertson
Thomas Donevski
Marcus Amurao
Brook Ayliffe
Mariana Kayafis

30 Deanne Jeremiah
Charlize Mahusay
Tristan Javaluyas
Gabrielle De Guzman
Ethan Micallef
Elizabeth Angok

4C Julien Bernard
Lauren De Luca
Maximus Lovering
Jackson Malouf
Amelia Esposito
Adriel Padernilla

4M Cyanne Dela Cruz
Naomi Girgis
Abinav Chennupati
Andrew Lovering
Deborah Angelo
Adriel Dolores

5HJ Willson Go
Samuel Gutierrez
Tiana Flores
Leia Paltoo
Dice Duckmanton
Mariam Ghannami

5R Chastynne Callos
Sebastian Santiago
Berend Slager
Bianca Baay
Jacob Bolton
Sophia Pastoral

6M Kirolos Boctor
Alexis Mitchell
Christopher Chrysanthou
Veronika Trpcesvska
Christopher Chrysanthou
Alexis Mitchell

6R Jaiden Castro
Cameron Robertson
John Girgis
Memphis Canicula
Christopher Furtado
Cameron Cunningham

SCHOOL FEES 2016

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their fees for 2016.

Just a reminder that all fees were payable by the end of Term 3

if you still have outstanding school fees please contact **Mrs. Fletcher**.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2017

If you are aware that your child will not be returning in 2017, please contact the office as soon as possible as we are soon to organise classes for next year.

SCHOOL BANKING ~ REMINDER

School banking is now on a **Monday**.

Thank you for your understanding.

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 nbot including nuts, eggs, yoghurt or foods cooked in peanut oil as part of your child's recess or lunch.

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.

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 office in the morning by the student and collected by the student in the office at 3.00pm.

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.

CLOTHING POOL ~ **Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday, 7th November 2.30-3.00pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Thank you for your donations, a reminder that the clothing pool **only accepts school uniform items**. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 14, 2016 the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



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

Bulk Billing for GP Services

MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am-6.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-2.00pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
DOCTOR HOME VISITS AND AFTER HOURS SERVICES AVAILABLE

Parking on-site available
Pathology on premises



DOCTORS

DR. ARUNTHA JESUTHASAN (Female GP)
DR. CHARLES HAYES (Male GP)
DR. VAN NGUYEN (Male GP)

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DILHAN JAYAMANNE (Physiotherapist)
ERNESTINA BURCHMORE (Acupuncturist)
BUDDY ABDULAHAD (Podiatrist)

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For people:

- Aged 65 years & over
- Pregnant women
- Anyone with a medical condition

Otherwise from \$11

DENTIST

(DR GARIMA MALHOTRA)

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Our Lady of Lourdes
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