



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!**

*Last Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Smith and I represented our school community at the official ceremony of the Closing of the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Door at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This event marked the conclusion of the journey of the Way of the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolkata to the many communities of the Parramatta Diocese and was celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. Each community was presented with a gift..... a painting of the forgiving father from the parable of the Prodigal Son with the words .... "All I have is yours."*

*In his homily, Bishop Vincent reminded us of our calling to be God's face of Mercy in our world.... the face of love, forgiveness, kindness, justice and compassion in our homes, school and parish. It is in those small daily acts of mercy that we continue to build God's kingdom here on earth.*

*May the graces we have received during this Jubilee Year of Mercy live on in St John Vianney's parish and school community.*

**God our Father,  
in your mercy heal us,  
in your love and tenderness remake us,  
in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.  
Amen.  
St Anselm (1033-1109)**

## **OSCAR and SAMANTHA GRADUATION**

This Friday, 18 November, Mrs Smith and I will have the pleasure of attending the Oscar and Samantha graduation ceremony in the MPR. This 'transition to school program' is run by our wonderful parent volunteers and has been in operation for 12 years. The program has proven to be a great success in preparing the new Kindy students for 'big school'. We are both looking forward to meeting the children who completed the program this year and presenting them with their special certificates. Sincere thanks to all the parent volunteers and the organisers for your generosity of time and energy for keeping this great initiative going at St John Vianney's Parish school.

## **IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ice Block & Zooper  
Dooper Stall ~ P&F  
Fridays November 18<sup>th</sup> and  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Oscar & Samantha  
Graduation  
Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent Assembly  
Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pizza & Pooper Stall ~  
P&F  
Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 6 Graduation  
Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am**

**Christmas Assembly  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>  
2.00pm Change over  
afternoon**

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SENT HOME:**

### **STUDENT LEADERS for 2017**

*Over the last few weeks the Year 5 students have worked through a process with their teachers Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Jesson to elect the Student Council for 2017. I thank the Year 5 students for the thoughtful and mature approach to this leadership process. It gives me great joy and pleasure to announce the student leaders for 2017.*

### **Congratulations to:**

**Natasha Bernard   Ivana Siric   Victoria-Rose Bayada   Reese Nunez  
Paulo Ibinez   Vincent Cristostomo   Jayden Ramia   Keith Sarol**

*The announcement of School Captains will be made at the Year 6 Graduation ceremony on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December*

### **CONTINUING MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE WORKS**

*During the last few months we have been carrying out works to refurbish toilets and complete other maintenance work around the school. The next lot of work will be in the Infants' Toilet block. The work will consist of repairs to cubicle partitions and doors, replacement of ceiling tiles, painting, cleaning, repair and sealing of floor and skirting tiles and some gyprock work. These works are being generously funded by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta but **MUST** be completed before the end of term. To accommodate this the infants' toilets will be out of commission for 3 weeks of this term. (from Mon 28/11 until Fri 16/12). The students from K-2 will use the new Years 3/4 toilets. I am truly indebted to CEDP for supporting the school financially to ensure that the much need maintenance and upgrades could be completed.*

### **CLASS PLACEMENTS**

*When making the decision as to which class students are placed in for the following year, teachers spend a great deal of time in discussion with their grade partner and myself to achieve class groupings that work best for the students, taking into account a number of factors .... students' learning needs, relational considerations, special needs, gender balance and ability ranges. Students being with their best friend(s), cousin, etc or their preferred teacher may not be the optimum placement. With that in mind I ask that parents do not make requests as to their child's class placement for next year. If there is a **serious concern**, then please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Cox. The final decision on class placement rests with the Principal and I would hope that parents would respect and support the professional judgement of our highly skilled teachers. Thank you.*



### **THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

***A special 'Thank You' morning tea will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 10am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 were due by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.***

***Blessings!  
Georgina Cox  
Principal***

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### *Our Faith Journey*

#### **First Holy Communion**

This Sunday, 20th November a large group of our students will celebrate their First Holy Communion. The children, their families and catechists have been preparing for many weeks for this important occasion. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is one of the three sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith – the other two are Baptism and Confirmation.

*The Eucharist is the continual celebration of our Christian life.*

In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to each one of us. Sharing this mystery together makes us one with each other and one with Jesus. We are joined in a special way with Jesus and the family of God. For our students, this weekend will be a special time when Jesus comes to be one with them as they continue on their faith journey and grow into strong and loving people in the family of God.

Holy Communion is an incredible gift and the amazing thing about the gift is that it can be unwrapped time and time again in our lives and every time we do this, the gift will be brand new. Each new unwrapping gives us the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what the gift actually is.

For us, who have so many distractions in life, we might sometimes forget about God, forget about the Eucharist, forget to pray each day and forget to attend Mass. First Communion day for a family member, can be a time of renewal for all family members, perhaps a time to unwrap the gift again and discover an understanding that is truly relevant to where we are in life. The Eucharist is the Sacrament of God's love and love is something that all of us can use plenty of.

As a school community we keep in our prayers the students and their families from the school and parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist over the coming weekend and celebrate the communion it brings to us all.



### *Congratulations*

**Khodi Azzopardi, Lucy Ciappara, Jared Cruz, Tiana Cutajar, Lara Derjani, Alyssa Guillermo, Hayley Gunnion, Mariana Kayafis, Ethan McIntyre, Ethan Micallef, Chanel Morales, Matthew Ochudzawa, Alexis Vella, Adam Mercieca, Marcus Amurao, Justin Franswah and Sophia Madrid.**

#### ***Crazy Hair /Sock Day***

This term all classes have focused on their Mission Unit. They have learnt that mission and service are following Jesus' greatest commandment, ***'To love one another as I have loved you.'*** As part of our mission focus we have looked at the neighbours we can help. We raised money to send to Cambodia, for the mobile schools that are helping teach the children who can't afford to go to school.

***Congratulations*** St John Vianneys' Parish School ..... together we have raised **\$2004.00 !** Together we have made a difference to lives of children in Cambodia

***A special thank you to everyone who gave so generously and for your great effort with crazy socks and hair.***



ADVENT ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 9.30AM

Multi-Purpose Room

*Year 3 invites you to join our school community  
in prayer as we commence the Advent Season*



VISUAL ARTS NEWS

In Term 2, four of our student's artworks were selected from our school and submitted in to the Operation Art competition. This statewide competition is run by NSW Education Art Unit together with Westmead Children's Hospital. Its aim is to promote children's art and to use beautiful artworks to brighten up the wards and cheer up the sick children in hospitals across the state.

The four students whose artworks were chosen were: **Czar Williams (Yr. 6), Lauren Chandler (Yr.5), Sophia Pastoral (Yr. 5) and Madison Allie (Yr.4)**. Congratulations to all of these students for producing artworks of such high standard. Well done **Czar, Lauren, Sophia and Madison**.

But two of these entries were most successful by being selected from hundreds of state entries. Sophia Pastoral's work titled 'Moon City' was selected by ANSTO (The Australian Science and Technology Organisation) for a year and later it will be donated to a hospital.

Madison Allie's work titled 'The Blue World of Fith' was selected by the ACYP (The Advocate for Children and Young People) for a year and then it will be given to a hospital.

We are all immensely proud of your outstanding achievement, Sophia and Madison, and we are sure that your beautiful art will put a smile on many faces for sick children.

**Congratulations!!!**

**Urszula Dobrzynski**

### TERM 4 CALENDAR

|           |             |   |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| Thursday  | November 17 | 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6   |
| Friday    | November 18 | 9.15am -11.00am Oscar & Samantha Graduation<br>Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F<br>2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR                           |
| Sunday    | November 20 | 9.30am SJV First Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday   | November 22 | <b>10.00AM PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA ~ MPR</b>   |
| Wednesday | November 23 | 5.30pm-9.00pm Indigenous Awards Evening ~ Bowman Hall<br>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 | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  |
| Monday    | November 28 | Refurbishment of infant’s toilets for 3 weeks   |
| Thursday  | December 1  | 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6   |
| Friday    | December 2  | Student of the Term, Clear Speaking Awards, Religion Awards<br>Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F<br>2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room       |
| Sunday    | December 4  | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  |
| Tuesday   | December 6  | Variety Club Christmas Party  |
| Wednesday | December 7  | 9.30am Premier’s Reading Challenge Assembly ~ MPR   |
| Thursday  | December 8  | <b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br>9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6<br>Semester 2 Reports go home ~ Yr. 6 |
| Friday    | December 9  | 9.30am Year 6 Graduation MPR<br>Semester 2 Reports go home ~ K-5  |
| Sunday    | December 11 | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  |
| Monday    | December 12 | 8.30am Vision Valley Year 6   |
| Tuesday   | December 13 | 9.30am Christmas Assembly ~ Led by Year 2<br>2.00pm -3.00pm Change over afternoon plus new students 1-6                                   |
| Wednesday | December 14 | 2.00pm End of year Junior & Senior Choir performance ~ MPR  |
| Thursday  | December 15 | 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6   |
| Friday    | 16 December | <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>  |
| Monday    | December 19 | <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>  |
| Tuesday   | December 20 | <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>  |

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 School Resumes for Students Yrs. 1-6**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 ~ Kindergarten Commences**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 ~ Primary Swimming Carnival Years 3-6**

### REMINDER

**LOWES 20% OFF SALE DAY**

**Tomorrow, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Sale will be both, in-store and online.**

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

| <i>DATE</i>                 | <i>TIME</i> | <i>EVENT</i>   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 9:00am      | Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup Graduation |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Lunch       | Ice block & Zooper dooper stall                            |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | Lunch       | Ice block & Zooper dooper stall                            |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Lunch       | Pizza & Popper Stall                                       |

### **Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup**

The graduation party will be held on Friday for our transition to school program. We hope the children have enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to starting school in 2017. Over the past 4 weeks the children have become familiar with the school, made some new friends, and had lots of fun with all the activities. I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who have made the program work so smoothly and for giving up their time on a Friday morning: **Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle De Luca, Sheena Norris, Fran Nouridine, Yvette Ciappara, Rhodora Ocampo.**

### **Ice Block Stall**

The next ice block and zooper dooper stall will be held on Friday 18th November at lunchtime. Ice blocks will cost \$1 and zooper doopers will cost 50c. Please bring the money on the day, there is no need to pre order.

### **Pizza & Popper Stall**

On Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December the P&F will be holding our last special food stall for the year which will be the popular pizza stall. Notes with all the information regarding this stall will be sent home with the children closer to the day.

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

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sjv.pandf@gmail.com)

### **CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**KF** Osayuwarea Edosowman  
Avryl Bergado  
Jake Cutajar  
Zara Smith  
Lily Fidler  
Mile Siric

**KT** Sage Cheng  
Prudence Baay  
Janelle Lobo Kakodkar  
Skye Garcia  
Isaac Robertson  
Annabelle Muljono

**IBJ** Amber Menardo  
Aidan Feliciano  
Anika Krishnaswamy  
Andrew Ibrahim  
Thomas Nourdine  
Aayana Chaudhary

**1D** Boris Prokhorov  
Charlize Pascale  
Olivia Harrison  
Zyra Broadfoot  
Abieyuwa Edosowman  
John-Paul Abou-Chaaya

**2C** Adelle Hogan  
Tiana Cutajar  
Jacob Magsalin  
Kristian Bermudez  
Matthew Buttigieg  
Rylarni Du Ross

**2F** Nicolas Perez  
Hayley Gunnion  
Naomi Menardo  
Hayden Tarr  
Sofia Carino  
Adia Aniano

**3A** Thomas Donevski  
Adyn Manansala  
Enrique Rindfleish  
Daniel Sinclair  
Ysabella Sibucan  
Aidan Sadsad  
Sandra Gorgees

**30** Lara Derjani  
Ruby O'Keefe  
Ethan Frendo  
Maximus Konstantinoff  
Bernadette Mercado  
Ashyana Herd

**4C** Lincoln Nunez  
Chelsea Gumogda  
Jamie Lavender  
Jaiden Fidler  
Grace Boktor  
Eon Aniano

**4M** Jairo Arispe  
Madison Allie  
Zac Payne  
Alexander Ayre  
Mariya Dcruz  
Andrew Lovering

**5HJ** Ivana Siric  
Larissa Mitchell  
Samuel Gutierrez  
Kiara Tiqui  
Abec Angok  
Keith Sarol

**5R** Sebastian Franjic  
Eliana Frendo  
Victoria-Rose Bayada  
Stephanie Attard  
Baiden Ngige  
Leila Mamaril

**6M** Sophia Escueta  
Caitlyn Xerri  
Jayden Norris  
Marcus Nicolas  
Martika Galea  
Veronika Trpcevska

**6R** Clara Nourdine  
Aaron Sabio  
Chelsey Beltejar  
Kirstan Bermudez  
Aiden Mercado  
Egieneille Timpoc

## 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

**LAST DAY for all reward item orders is Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

### 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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS



### 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](http://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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**FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE!**

**For people:**

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

Otherwise from \$11

### DENTIST

(DR GARIMA MALHOTRA)

- Veterans' Affairs cover
- Dental X-rays
- Medicare Bulk Billing  
- for eligible children aged between 2 and 17 years of age  
Benefits up to \$1000/child
- 10% discount for seniors and pensioners
- Patients from all funds welcome  
- Health fund claims on the spot



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