



TERM 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday last week we celebrated the Feast Day of our school's patron saint, St John Vianney. We celebrated in a very different way this year to how we have in the past. Mr Stennett, our acting REC prepared a prayer and liturgy for both the primary and infants classes, which teachers used with their children.

On Friday of Week 2, we hosted a fun day and talent quest which raised money for Bear Cottage (Children's Hospital, Westmead). Bear Cottage is the only children's hospice in NSW and is dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions. Through the generosity of the SJV community, this social justice initiative raised \$891.00 which has been forwarded to Bear Cottage. Many thanks to Miss D'Sa for coordinating the Talent Quest & Fun Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for preparing student reports and feeding back to parents. Thank you also to those parents who took time from their busy schedules to speak to teachers and who were flexible when we made the late decision to move from face-to-face to 'phone interviews. For those parents who wrote a comment and sent the report back to school, these will be copied and the originals returned over the next two weeks.

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I came across a blog recently which promotes the importance of reading. You can read the blog in full by visiting <https://ravenreads.org/blogs/news/top-5-benefits-of-reading-books>. While we all know the role teachers play in teaching children to read, it is equally important for parents to model good reading habits. I particularly liked the following statements:

Have you ever wondered what benefits you get while reading? We all have our reasons to read... to learn, to escape, or as part of a book club. Your reading hobby has more to offer than that, though! Here are our top five benefits of reading books.

The top 5 benefits of reading are:

- reading makes you more empathetic
- reading keeps your brain healthy
- reading reduces stress
- reading helps you sleep better
- reading sets an example for the kids

As I often say to the children .... Read .... Read .... Read.

Happy reading!

Cameron Lievore  
Principal

## IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday August 15**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday August 18**  
**9:30am Voice of Youth School Final - MPR**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25**  
**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 12**  
**(TERM 4)**  
**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

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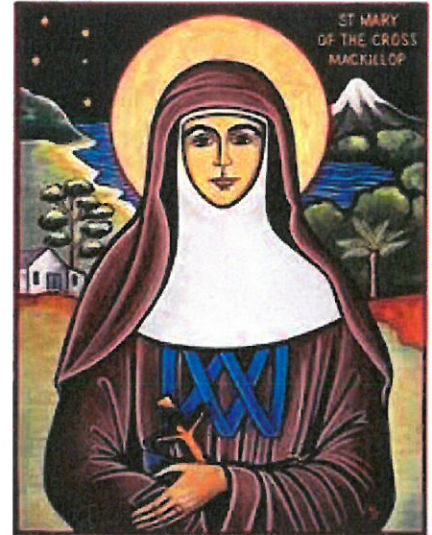
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - Week 4 Term 3

### The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Last Saturday 8th August was the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop.

St Mary MacKillop is especially important to us as she is Australia's first saint. We often think of Saints as being people who lived long ago and lived devout lives of meditation and prayer. The communion of saints however is full of many different people who lived lives devoted to God in many different ways. St Mary shows us that in our modern age, through our work and commitment to God we too can aspire to a saintly life.

In intercession, there may be no other saint who understands us as St Mary does and who we can turn to. St Mary walked the streets and roads that we do today. She worked and cared for our ancestors. She felt the heat of the Australian sun and felt the breeze of Sydney harbour. On Saturday we celebrated her life and remembered her in prayer.



#### **Prayer of St Mary MacKillop**

*Ever generous God,*

*You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop*

*To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.*

*With confidence in your generous providence  
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.*

*Ever generous God hear our prayer.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

This week, let us consider how we too can help those in our own community and do the work of God. How are we living saintly lives?

**Simon Stennett**

**Religious Education Coordinator**



Tell Them From Me

## **YOUR FEEDBACK IS VALUABLE**

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, St John Vianney's will be participating in an online survey for parents, teachers and students – *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM). The surveys will provide us with valuable feedback on what you think about school life, how engaged your child is with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to gain feedback.

**Over the next 3 weeks (10<sup>th</sup> August – 28<sup>th</sup> August), we are inviting parents, teachers and students (Year 4 – 6) to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey.**

**We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value your role as parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback.**

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. **The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to provide quality student learning and wellbeing at St John Vianney's.**

You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/685cq>

***We thank you for your ongoing support!***

*ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice:*

*The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.*

*Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28 August 2020***

*Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office*

## **ENROLMENTS 2021**

**Enrolments Forms for Kindergarten and all other grades are available from the school office.**

## **LATE NOTES**

Parents just a reminder: if your child is late of a morning **you must** complete a Late Note at the school office as this is a record of attendance and a legislative requirement.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **2020 Premier's Reading Challenge**



Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2020. **Ivanna Ibrahim, Johan Franswah, Mariel Ibrahim, Meghan Bartlett, Myron Nicolas, Isaac Bayada, Krishna Kakade, Ryan Shobin, Simon Pastoral, Moses Justin and Micaela Sibucão, Nina Isakov, John- Paul AbouChaaya, and Jethroe Serrano.**

Well done!!

**Mrs. Kersivien  
Teacher/Librarian**



*Parent: How was school today?*

*Student: Good*

*Parent: What did you do at school today?*

*Student: Nothing!*

Is this conversation with your child familiar? In our busy world we might need to ask different questions about your child's day at school to start a really meaningful conversation. Good communication is an important parenting skill.

Great communication allows you and your child to build trust, self-esteem and better connect within your relationship.

It can help to keep in mind:

- How you communicate with your child will change as they grow up and gain more independence
- Conveying a message is only one part of great communication
- Great communication is a two-way process - listening is as important as talking
- Successful communication with your child depends on what, when, where, how and why you say things. What you don't say is also important
- Your child's brain is still developing, including learning how to handle their emotions and communicate well
- Great communication helps kids develop the skills they need for developing strong, respectful relationships and feeling able to ask for support when they

Source:

<https://parentline.com.au/parents-carers/issues/communication-tips-parents>

Here are some questions that might begin great conversations with your child about their day at school.

1. *Tell me about the best part of your day.*
2. *What was the hardest thing you had to do today?*
3. *Tell me about what you read in class.*
4. *Who did you play with today? What did you play?*
5. *Do you think maths [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?*
6. *What was your favourite part of the day?*
7. *What games did you play at recess?*
8. *What was the funniest thing that happened today?*
9. *Did anyone do anything super nice for you?*
10. *What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?*
11. *Who made you smile today?*
12. *What new fact did you learn today?*
13. *What challenged you today?*
14. *What would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?*
15. *If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?*
16. *Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?*
17. *What is your teacher's most important rule?*
18. *What is the most popular thing to do at recess?*
19. *What is one thing you did today that was helpful?*
20. *When did you feel most proud of yourself today?*

**Cheryl Kersivien**  
**Literary Coordinator**

### TERM 3 CALENDAR

Thursday	August 13	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	August 14	Gymnastic Program – KB ,KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day) <b>Chess Competition – away games</b>
Saturday	August 15	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Tuesday	August 18	9:30am – Voice of Youth School Final - MPR
Wednesday	August 19	Gymnastic Program – 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, (normal sports day)
Thursday	August 20	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	August 21	Gymnastic Program – KB ,KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day) <b>Chess Competition – away games</b>
Wednesday	August 26	Gymnastic Program – 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, (normal sports day)
Thursday	August 27	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	August 28	Gymnastic Program – KB ,KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day) <b>Chess Competition –Home games (last week of competition)</b>
Wednesday	September 2	Gymnastic Program – 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, (normal sports day) <b>Yr.3 Incursion - Jarara</b>
Thursday	September 3	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	September 4	Gymnastic Program – KB, KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day) <b>Fathers' Day Gift Stall – P&amp;F</b> <b>Fathers' Day Raffle – P&amp;F</b>
Wednesday	September 9	Gymnastic Program – 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, (normal sports day)
Friday	September 11	Gymnastic Program – KB, KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day)
Thursday	September 10	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	September 11	Gymnastic Program – KB, KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day)
Wednesday	September 16	Gymnastic Program – 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, (normal sports day)
Thursday	September 17	Gymnastic Program – 1G, 2B, 3B , 6B (normal sports day)
Friday	September 18	Gymnastic Program – KB, KG, 1B, 4B, 5B (normal sports day) Popcorn & Popper Stall – P&F
Friday	September 25	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> (No school for students)

**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)**

**TERM 4 COMMENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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

**Friday 31st July & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**K BLUE**

Alexander Muljono  
Eesha Lal  
Ethan Garcia  
Pina Mangion  
Lucas Tee

**K GOLD**

Nakotah Wortley  
Emmanuel Rindfleish  
Josh Miranda  
Aaliya Kumar  
Eva Gatchalian  
Michael Perez

**1 BLUE**

Phoenix Frei  
Shiloh De Guzman  
Connor Layson  
Angelisa Saba  
Abigail Adem

**1 GOLD**

Isaiah Hanna  
Aaliyah Knight  
Serena Arranz  
Alice Shaw  
Lina Joseph  
Nahom Habtemikel

**2 BLUE**

Jesiah Flores  
Justine Savari  
Agnes Justin  
Lebron Marasigan  
Jorell Pascale  
Mica Enrile

**2 GOLD**

Demaiyrah Desouza  
Emma Bajada  
Isabella Guillermo  
Leni Smith  
Jethroe Serrano  
Eli Panaliganj

**3 BLUE**

Nicholas Borg  
Demiana Abdelmalak  
Sabrina Santiago  
Elisha Odur  
Brandan Gaspi  
Teejay Pineda

**3 GOLD**

Hrishi Koduri  
Simon Pastoral  
Eliza Arranz  
Bernadette McIntyre  
Lucy Borg  
Anna Prokhorov

**4 BLUE**

Caetlynn Dolores  
Isabella Attard  
Jack Vatuloka  
Isaac Robertson  
Avryl Bergardo  
Jeff Cuevas

**4 GOLD**

Prudence Baay  
Xymo Sanguyo  
Chloe Marcelo  
Gabriel Talione  
Annabelle Muljono  
John Abrigo

**5 BLUE**

Mitchell Stanford  
Tayana Hamilton  
Marcus Liao  
Lachlan Tiquie  
Samuel Vella  
Shreyasi Shrestha

**5 GOLD**

Amelia Azzopardi  
Alyssa Forster  
Preston Wortley  
Adrienne Mahusay  
Charlize Pascale  
Margaux Lim

**6 BLUE**

Micaela Sibucan  
Joshua Joubran  
Andrew Aggrey

**6 GOLD**

Calvin Maningat  
Nicholas Chrysanthon  
Chanel Morales  
Angelica Icaica  
Cryztle Espino  
Jesse Scott





## ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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Sunday 9 August 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Yesterday evening (Saturday 8 August), Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) Parramatta informed its community that the college would be closed on Monday 10 August after being informed by NSW that a student had tested positive to COVID-19. Here is OLMC Parramatta's [message to the community](#).

While OLMC Parramatta is not a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) school, we are aware that there are some CEDP schools with connections to OLMC. It is of the utmost importance that all of us follow the advice of medical professionals closely in these times.

OLMC Parramatta students and staff have been directed to self-isolate until receiving further advice from NSW Health or communication from the school. The college is working closely with NSW Health to identify all close contacts. It will also undergo deep cleaning.

We understand that this news will cause concern for many local families. *Please note that the advice from NSW Health for all other schools* is that students and staff remain free to attend school as usual unless they

- have been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- have any symptoms of COVID-19, in which case they should seek testing and stay at home until notified of results and they have recovered;
- are aware or have been notified by NSW Health that they have been in close contact with a case of COVID-19 and are required to self-isolate; or
- have been directed to self-isolate by medical professionals.

The health and safety of our school community are our highest priority. We will continue to keep you updated.

Please continue to be mindful of symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath. If your child/children develop these symptoms, please see a doctor (call ahead to alert your doctor about the possibility of COVID-19 before visiting and take this letter with you) or go to a COVID-19 testing clinic. You can find a full list of the clinics [here](#).

The latest NSW Health Advice, Guidelines & Public Health Alerts based on locations is available [here](#). You can find the NSW Health COVID Guidelines Schools and Child Care Centres [here](#). [This link](#) can help with translation and interpreting from English. The 24-hour phone number for immediate interpreting help is 131 450.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in the response to COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,  
Cameron Lievore (on behalf of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)

## **DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS**

**Mornings:** Parents are to drop off their child at the school gate, adjacent to the school office, and leave straight away.

**Afternoons:** K-2 students are to be picked up from the amphitheatre  
Yrs. 3 & 4 students are to be picked up outside their classrooms  
Yrs. 5 & 6 students are to be picked up outside their classrooms

**The gate that leads from the school carpark to the Year 5 & 6 building will be open at 3:00pm each day to make it easier for parents.**

### **Parking Notice:**

A reminder to parents that there is no parking in the Staff or Parish carpark when dropping off / picking up children unless you have a disability sticker displayed. Also, there is no parking in the bus bay at any time. Blocking driveways makes it very difficult for others to enter / exit so please refrain from this practise as well.

### **Complaints Procedures:**

At St John Vianney's School, the dignity of each individual is paramount. The school follows the Catholic Education diocese of Parramatta Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. A copy of the policy is available at the school office or online at:

<http://www.stjohnvianneysdoonside.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures>

Classroom issues should always be addressed with the class teacher in the first instance so that a positive outcome can be reached. Parents should not approach other children in an effort to resolve an issue or misunderstanding.

## **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 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.

*Mr Cameron Lievore – Principal*

## Parents & Friends News

DATE	EVENT
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	FATHERS' DAY GIFT STALL FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	POPCORN & POPPER STALL

### **FATHERS' DAY GIFT STALL**

We will be holding our Annual Fathers' Day Gift Stall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be able to purchase gifts for Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles etc. Gifts will be \$10 each (including a card). More information to come closer to the date.

### **FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE**

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding a Fathers' Day Raffle. Tickets will be \$1 each and we have 5 fantastic prizes... Each prize is valued at \$150 each. More details to come in week 5.

### **P & F Meetings for Term 3**

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions with parents onsite, we have cancelled our P&F meetings for Term 3.

### **Clothing Pool Opening Hours – Term 3**

The clothing pool will be by appointment only during Term 3. Opening Hours will be from 9:00am till 10am on a Friday Morning. Appointments can be made through the school office.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**We need all types of uniform items, summer, sports or winter, in good condition.**

**If you have any items you would like to donate to the clothing pool, we would appreciate them being handed into the school office.**

Teneile Shaw  
P&F Committee

### **WITHDRAWAL OF ENROLMENT**

*Please note that under the School Fee Policy as set out by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta:*

*"A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term.*

*One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance".*

### **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020**

**Term 3 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Staff Development Day**

**Term 4 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Staff Development Day  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**\* Students Finish Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **CITIZENSHIP/CHANGES TO VISA STATUS**

**If parents or students become Australian citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide a copy of your certificate to the school office so that we can update your child's enrolment file.**

**Please also advise the office if there are any changes to your Visa status so that we can make the necessary amendments.**

**Thank you.**

## SUPERVISION

**Morning supervision starts from 8:30am.** I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8:30am 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.

**If you are running late to pick your child up, please ring the office so we can inform your child – 8869 6300.**

Please be mindful of physical distancing and when dropping off and at pickup parents are requested to leave immediately.

## KEEP US INFORMED

If you have changed your address, email address or phone numbers, please update via the Skoolbag App or 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.



## 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 require 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.

## CHILD PROTECTION

### Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers

Dear Parents/Carers,

All Volunteers must complete the Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking form and online training module prior to volunteering at any school or CEDP site.

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as **partners** in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au) and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

## WASHING HANDS ~ HEALTH NSW

What is the correct amount of time to wash your hands?

Wet **your hands** with **clean**, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather **your hands** by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of **your hands**, between **your** fingers, and under **your** nails. Scrub **your hands** for at least 20 seconds.



## COUGH ETIQUETTE



### Cover your cough

- When coughing or sneezing cover your nose and mouth
  - Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your elbow.

### Wash your hands

- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hand with soap and water
- Use alcoholic-based hand cleansers if you don't have access to soap and water

## 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)