



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Term 4

November 9, 2021

Issue 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was a challenging day for the community with one of our students testing positive for COVID. I want to thank each and everyone for their prompt and supportive response. In doing so, we were able to ensure students were safe and were cared for. A huge thank you to the office and teaching staff who managed the communication and care for the school.

As you would know there has been much correspondence regarding requirements and restrictions as set by NSW Health. Thank you to all who have been vigilant in carefully reading and following these procedures. Over the next few days we envision that there will be further communication.

It is both sad and difficult that our end of year celebrations have been impacted in such a way but we are seeking the best ways to support students, acknowledge celebrations as well as maintain a safe environment.

2021 has been an extraordinary year! It has been a year where we have all learnt to be flexible, patient, kind and grateful in the midst of an ever-changing global pandemic. While things have looked a little different at St John Vianney's this year, the staff and I are so very proud of every single child. They have continued to persevere between remote and onsite learning, are not afraid to make mistakes, have supported their friends and their teachers, and are always willing to have a go and try new things. Our children are always filled with encouragement and a generosity of spirit. We are grateful for their ongoing effort, the way they continue to care for each other and for the joy they bring to SJV's each day.

We thank you, and all in our St John Vianney's community for your partnership... parents, family members, friends, parish, all staff and students working together and supporting each other through another challenging year, particularly during remote learning. Your support, enthusiasm, generosity and many contributions to the learning, faith development and wellbeing of our students has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Last Friday, we were very excited to welcome some parents and family members back on school grounds to celebrate the many achievements of our students; **Student of the Term** (Term 2 and Term 4), the **Fr O'Neill Clear Speaking Awards** and the **Fr O'Neill Religious Education Awards**. While this was limited, following Covid safe procedures and guidelines, it was an extremely exciting time to acknowledge and share in these significant successes. The 2021 Student Council presented a fantastic fairy tale recounting the year; the celebrations, trials and tribulations and all the wonderful events we shared. **I am very grateful to our current School Captains, Student Council, Sport Captains and Technology Assistants for their initiative, maturity and resourcefulness displayed throughout 2021. Their support, hard work and energy have been a great asset to our school community.**

Yesterday, the new Student Council, Sports Captains and Technology Assistants for 2022 elected by their peers were inducted into their roles of leadership. Last week, the newly elected Student Council put themselves forward for the position of School Captain. Their speeches were truly moving and highlighted the responsibilities and qualities of an ideal leader. Each candidate did themselves, their families and our St John Vianney's community proud, reflecting the importance of service, team work, humility, integrity, honesty, respect, kindness and their faith in representing all students at SJV's. I am very confident that they will lead with this same enthusiasm in 2022. **CONGRATULATIONS to all of our newly appointed leaders, and a special thanks to Mrs Rose and Mrs Croser for preparing all of Year 5 as leaders of SJV's next year.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Reports Going Home
Wednesday 8 December

Final date for 2nd hand clothing store trading

9 December 2021

Store reopens
1 February 2022

Year 6 Graduation
10 December

Last Day of Term
15 December

TERM 1 2022

First Day of Term 1 2022
1st February – Yrs 1-6
2nd February - Kindergarten

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These leadership qualities shone through as our Year 5 did a marvellous job of welcoming and helping to look after their new Kindergarten buddies for 2022 at the Kindergarten Orientation mornings this week. Thank you **Mrs Field, Mrs Bayada and Mrs Brook** for welcoming, caring for and introducing our 2022 Kinder students to BIG school. My thanks also to **Mrs Farrugia, Mrs Kelly, Mrs De La Motte and Mrs Derrett** for their assistance in settling and welcoming the children and their parents. Also, many thanks to **Miss Habashy, Mrs Hasting and Mrs Dobrzynski** for teaching our present Kindergarten students during this time.

THANK YOU to our wonderful P & F, for the dedication and ongoing support throughout the year to enable all of the children to have the opportunity to enjoy some special treats and for the continued fundraising, in turn providing valuable resources for our school community, allowing our students to grow and keeping the connection to community alive. I am so very grateful for your generosity of time and ability to work around our current Covid restrictions to provide such wonderful experiences for our students and families. After 9 years at St John Vianney's and 5 years as a valued member of the P & F, **Mrs Maryanne Vella** will be stepping down from her role as Treasurer. We thank her for her time, kindness and countless contributions to our St John Vianney's community.

Thank you to our staff. I would like to sincerely, thank and acknowledge **Mr Lievore, Mrs Dawinan, Mrs Farrugia, Mrs Shaw, all of our teachers and teacher assistants** for their tireless efforts and support. What an outstanding group of individuals you are. Your passion, dedication, energy, hard work, flexibility and love of the students is second to none! The strength of commitment found in our staff who continually strive to do their very best to ensure our children learn. It is seen in the long hours put into our school often at the expense of their own families. It is seen in what they do above and beyond the call of duty. It is seen in the professional way in which they meet many challenges and care unconditionally for every child in our school. **You are greatly appreciated for all that you do!**

CONGRATULATIONS to our MAGNIFICENT Mrs Dobrzynski! Mrs Dobrzynski celebrates **50 years of teaching** this year. An **INCREDIBLE** milestone. For 50 years, she has dedicated herself to the vocation of teaching and made an incredible contribution to Catholic Education, impacting the lives of many throughout her teaching career. Mrs Dobrzynski has shared her faith, **MANY** talents, creativity, love for teaching and learning, life and most importantly a role model for children. She is an **AMAZING** role model for all in our community, as a teacher, parent and friend. We thank Mrs Dobrzynski for **ALWAYS** being there for our St John Vianney's community in all that she does and in the additional extra curricular opportunities she offers the students; Operation Art and Debating. Thank you for spreading your beauty at St John Vianney's and throughout your teaching career. Your dedication and love of learning has touched the hearts of thousands of students, your impeccable example and words of wisdom, awaken the spirit within us all and inspire us to be the **BEST** we can be, **JUST LIKE YOU! THANK YOU!**

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Stanley, who after 12 years of dedicated service is leaving St John Vianney's Parish school to be part of the Amadeus music program in the Sydney Archdiocese, teaching music at All Saints Catholic College, Liverpool. I take this opportunity to thank our STAR Music and Creative Arts teacher for inspiring creative young minds at SJV's to participate in and appreciate music, drama and dance. Mrs Stanley has brought out the best in many, forming many successful Junior and Senior choir ensembles. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy and also will take with her a piece of St John Vianney's magic to her new school. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Stanley and wish her continued success as she begins a new venture in her teaching career.

Mrs Stanley has made an incredible difference to our school community and your children. We thank her so much for her hard work and dedication to St John Vianney's. We will miss you but wish you all the very best!

We also wish Miss Rak well as she continues her teaching career at Marion Catholic Primary, Horsley Park. **We thank Miss Rak for her enthusiasm, care and commitment to Year 3 this year.**

In addition, while Mrs Kersivien will continue to work at St John Vianney's on a part-time basis, she will be embarking on a new teaching adventure at CathWest Innovation Catholic College. Mrs Kersivien wears **MANY** hats at St John Vianney's with an ability to multi-task, displaying incredible skills, talents and flexibility. Her passion for learning, love of the children, hard work and understanding of contemporary learning has made such a positive impact in all her varying roles at St John Vianney's. **We thank Mrs Kersivien for her AMAZING contributions and accomplishments to St John Vianney's. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role, and also look forward to our continued connection in 2022.**

It is with a saddened heart that we also farewell families whose association with St John Vianney's has come to an end. This year we farewell the **Abreu, Azzopardi, Bartlett, Bekheet, Bijo, Borg, Chaudhary, Ciappara, Divina, Duff, Enrile, Fadlen, Hamilton, Harsha, Hidalgo, Isakov, Justin, Liao, Mahusay, Ocampo, Pamplona, Prokhorov, Sicat, Simon, Stanford, Tako, Tiqui, Umadhay, Vella, Obligacion and Zano Families.** Thank you for your many contributions to St John Vianney's over the years and we hope you have many fond memories to take with you.

Wishing you and your family a Holy and Happy Christmas, and a great and safe holiday break!

We offer God's blessings and our best wishes and happiness to you and your families. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones and we look forward to your return in 2022!

Michelle Smith
Acting Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Advent

At this time of year, our calendars are bulging with important dates and our 'Have-to-do' lists are huge. Life can be frantic and the days fly by. It's very easy to fall on the footsteps of Christmas Day, panting and exhausted. But is that how we want to prepare for Christmas? More importantly, is that how we should prepare for Christmas? One role of the Advent wreath is to pace ourselves. To slow our head spaces down and focus on one particular thing for each week leading up to the coming of Christ.

If you can't sit back and name something that you have purposely done so far in this season of Advent, now is probably a good time to do so. Prayer. Service. Almsgiving. Reconciliation. Naming something that will make a change in yourself to help you in this season is so important.

This Sunday we light the third candle of Advent. What will be your commitment when it is lit?

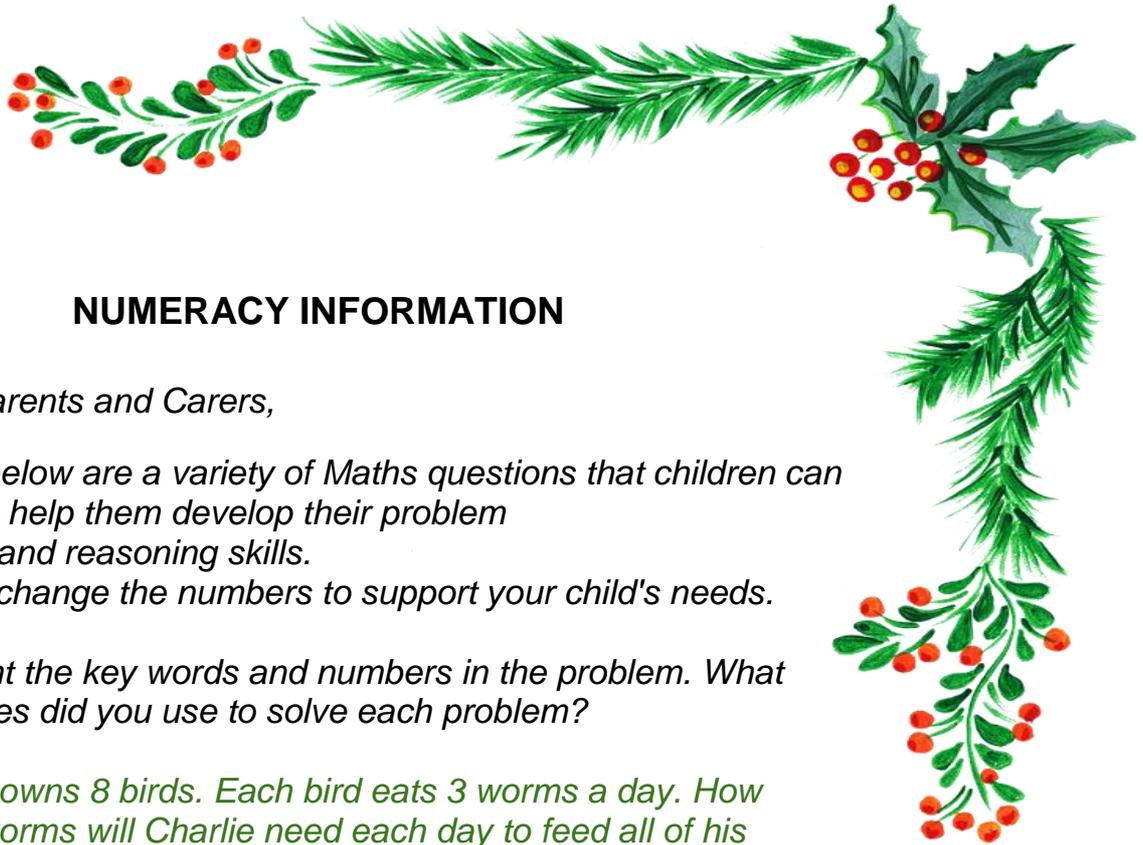


Christmas at St John Vianney's

Thank you to all those who were able to bring in a donation for our Social Justice Appeal this week. It has been a difficult year to organise appeals so we were glad that we were able to run a final initiative to support families at Christmas time. The collected food will be taken to **Ignite Food Store at Emerton**, run by the Jesuit society and supporting the needs of the local community.

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator





NUMERACY INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Listed below are a variety of Maths questions that children can solve to help them develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.

Please change the numbers to support your child's needs.

Highlight the key words and numbers in the problem. What strategies did you use to solve each problem?

Charlie owns 8 birds. Each bird eats 3 worms a day. How many worms will Charlie need each day to feed all of his birds?

Farmer Bill has 9 cows. It is cold in winter and Bill has decided to buy slippers for all of his cows to keep them warm. How many slippers would the farmer need to purchase?

If a pair of slippers costs \$18.00, how much will Bill spend if he purchases slippers for all of his cows?

On a farm there were some hens and sheep. Altogether there were 8 heads and 22 feet. How many hens were there?

Ten cards are put into five envelopes so that there are two cards in each envelope. The sum of the numbers inside it is written on each envelope. What numbers could be inside the envelope.

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas filled with love and happiness!!!!!!

Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

Ebook, audiobook and read-along book access for students and staff



Sora is a mobile and desktop reading experience from OverDrive, designed to provide students with access to great reading anywhere, anytime from their device.

The Sora ACEN library includes thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, read alongs, comic books and graphic novels as well as many award winning, notable and classic literature books to support student reading enjoyment and learning.

Getting started with the ACEN (Australian Catholic Education Network) SORA library

1. Go to <https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau>

2. Click on the drop down menu and select 'ACEN (Australian Catholic Education Network)'

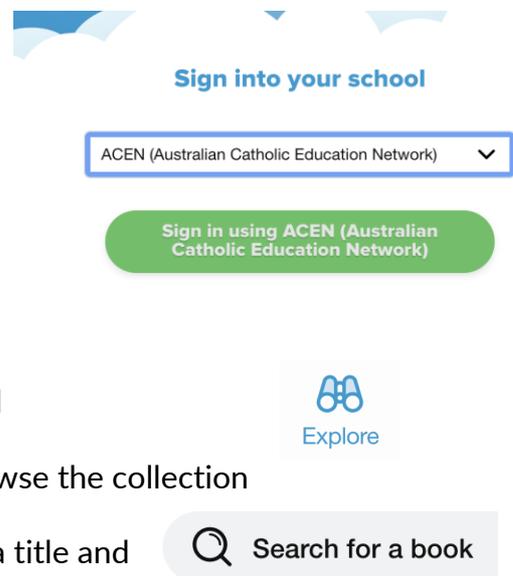
3. Click on 'Sign in using ACEN (Australian Catholic Education Network)'

4. Log in using your school username and password

5. Select the explore icon on the bottom tab to browse the collection

6. Click on the search icon at the top to search for a title and hit enter.

7. Click on Borrow to read.



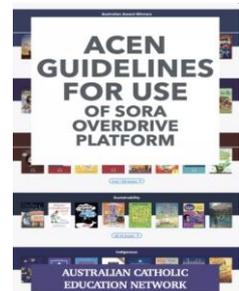
OR

1. Download the SORA app from the [Apple App](#) or the [Google Play](#) store.

2. Ignore 'Find my school' and use the setup code 'cenetau'.

3. Then follow the instructions given above.

For more information parents and students should read the '[ACEN Guidelines for use](#)' ebook in the SORA ACEN member collection and/or talk to their school teacher-librarian or class teacher.





| 6 BLUE Mr. Stennett & Mrs. Thurbon | 6 GOLD Mrs. Rutherford & Mrs. Thurbon |
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| John Paul Abou Chaaya Linda Aggrey Carmen Bekheet Roslind Cabiguen Ayurvi Chaudhary Julienne De Guzman Madison Divina Brandon Duff Geneika Fadlen Aidan Feliciano Lidya Habtemikel Tayana Hamilton Maria Kanesh Isabella Khattar Marcus Liao Margaux Lim Bridget Mercado Jairus Odur Ochieng Dennis Pamplona Charlize Pascale Kodie-Leigh Scott Angela Sicut John Carlo Simon Kobe Sococ Mitchell Stanford Vatican Talione Lachlan Tiqui Alexia Williams Giannah Zano | Brenda Abreu Amelia Azzopardi Meghan Bartlett Isaac Bayada George Bekheet Shreya Bijo Alana Jesson Zyra Broadfoot Aayana Chaudhary Clare Ciappara Alyssa Forster Elias Hellouie Gabriel Hidalgo Nina Isakov Moses Justin Jordan Laidlaw Carlos Lopez Adrienne Mahusay Sophia Miranda Aubriana Obligacion Lucas Ocampo Chelsea Quimpo Angela Tako Taylor Tuamtong Caitlin Umadhay Samuel Vella Preston Wortley |

We congratulate the Graduating students and thank them for their leadership this year.

A special thanks goes to the School Captains, Student Council, Sports Captains and Technology Assistants for 2021 for their OUTSTANDING service and for being excellent role models.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2021

School Captains: Lucas Ocampo & Roslind Cabiguen

Student Council: Isaac Bayada, Ayurvi Chaudhary, Maria Kanesh, Jordan Laidlaw, Bridget Mercado & George Bekheet

SPORT CAPTAINS 2021

MacKillop (Blue): Marcus Liao & Angela Tako

Smith (Gold): Samuel Vella & Nina Isakov

O'Neill (Red): John Paul AbouChaaya & Chelsea Quimpo

Watts (Green): Preston Wortley & Madison Divina

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANTS 2021

Aidan Feliciano & Caitlin Umadhay

Our thoughts and warmest wishes to all our Year 6 students as they embark upon their High School years!

STUDENT COUNCIL 2022

We are proud of all our Year 5 students and the mature approach taken with their teachers, identifying qualities of a good leader. This was shown in the way they have presented themselves and engaged in the voting process to select our student leadership team for 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been elected by their peers as our new Student Council for 2022

**Avryl Bergado
Niya Kanesh
Janelle LoboKakodkar
Zara Smith**

**Joseph Abou-Yaghi
Denzell Crisostomo
Jake Cutajar
Oliver Franjic**

From this team, our Year 5 students and staff had the difficult decision of voting for the School Captains for 2022.

We congratulate ...

Avryl Bergado and Denzell Crisostomo

as our newly appointed School Captains for 2022.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the position of Sports Captain.

BLUE

Arianne Santos
Jayden Derjani

GOLD

Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio
Ezekeil Trainor

RED

Arrabel Gutierrez
Sebastian Gaspi

GREEN

Aaliyah-Rose Robertson
Sage Cheng

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANTS 2022

The two students put forward for the role as Technology Assistants for 2022 have be entrusted with the responsibility of assisting staff and the school community with the facilitation and presentation of information using technology.

We congratulate Caleb Dacayo and Tyenna Jimenez.

An Overview of 2021

by the Student Representative Council of 2021

Once, long ago, term 2 started with excitement and happiness. A few days after we returned, we celebrated ANZAC day, led by the year 5 students and Mrs Kersivian.

Later the school photos were taken, and everyone dressed up for their picture.

Next thing you know, we were celebrating Mother's Day, with a heartwarming assembly led by Kindergarten. Congratulations to the Kindergartens for doing a great job.

Then came a stressful time for year 3 and 5... the dreadful NAPLAN. These students worked hard and we congratulate those happy with their results. We had our beautiful Pentecost assembly led by Year 4 and a bit later, year 5 had their Bathurst excursion where they had a lot of fun learning about gold.

After that, the girls' soccer Gala day arrived. Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Jasmine park in Penrith, where they competed against other schools. Year 6 set off to camp soon after that - their most favourite time of year! They did many enjoyable activities and had lots of fun. Thank you to all the teachers who helped.

Year 3 students enjoyed a HSIE incursion by the Indigenous Education Unit and speaking of incursions, Year 6 had their planetarium incursion, where they learnt about the planets. The boys' soccer gala day, rolled around after that where all the boys had a great day.

On the last day of term 2, we all had lots of fun at the Athletic Carnival, participating in many fun sports and games.

And then we all lived happily ever after.

But then BAM! The big bad Covid virus decided that it needed the spotlight for a second time.

Thus, 2020 the sequel was born - and everyone got very, very sad. We were surrounded by boredom and we couldn't even go to the park or local theaters. It was a full lockdown.

Luckily we had the Olympics to relax us and to keep our minds off things such as the pandemic.

Australia won 17 gold medals but enough of that - let's move on to the juicy stuff.

So, we were stuck at home and had nothing to do except to watch Netflix in our pyjamas and do lame chores. Amazingly thanks to online learning we still did learn a whole heap of things though!

No one ever has used Zoom as much as we did during the lockdown period. We started to have our zoom classes which were great because we got to see our friends again and interact with each other. Our siblings were annoying as ever, interrupting us during our Zooms. Father's Day came and it was great. A big thanks to the school for organising the Fathers Day goods for all the great dads out there. We had book week during lockdown too, and in our Zoom meetings, most of us wore great costumes... well at least some of us!

Towards the end of this crazy term, the long boredom slowly came to an end. But, alas, the boredom plague continued on into our first few weeks of Term 4. Three more weeks of slideshows, zooms and mindless screen-staring. Then, a miracle happened. In Week 4 we finally got the chance to escape our rooms and come back to our beloved school. Everyone returned with happy faces, eager to learn and see their friends once again.

Yet, the big bad Covid struck again and we had to substitute regular assemblies with zoomblies, and online meetings to celebrate each other's learning. Since then, we have had dance lessons led by Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Omokaro. It was great dancing to songs and learning new moves during our lessons while having fun as well. This term we were also lucky to have a cupcake & popper stall as well as many ice block stalls led by the P&F. Thanks to all the P&F for organising this for us.

Every Monday lately, every grade has had the chance to hone their cricket skills. Through fun games and challenges, we have been able to have a go at batting and fielding and were given the opportunity to stretch our legs and enjoy time in the sun. A big thank you to Mrs Asaad for organising our cricket sessions. We have sat our catechism test, which stage 2 and 3 took during the week with no internet. We all had studied hard for the test and hope that we have great results.

Finally, on the 24th of November, our annual swimming carnival took place for years 2 - 5. Everyone had a great time participating in friendly competitions and doing the best we could in the pool. Congratulations to all our winners, and well done to everyone who entered in the races. Thanks to the hard work of our sports captains and teachers.

Because of the big bad COVID, this year has definitely been a different one. A year full of work, a year full of learning and a term full of deja vu. But out of everything, this year was a year was great. Although there were some not so great bits it has been fun. We'll now have to wait for the events of next year.

Where we will all live happily ever after...

The End. (or is it?)

Roslind Cabiquen, Lucas Ocampo, Maria Kanesh, George Bekheet, Anyurvi Chaudhary, & Jordan Laidlaw



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Year 6 Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony

9th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had 3 positive cases over the past 2 days. This means we will need to be **EXTRA vigilant with our guidelines and procedures for our Year 6 Graduation**. It saddens us greatly that a few of our students won't be able to attend, however, these students will be connected individually and will participate via Zoom. The Zoom link will not be provided for general use, however the graduation will be videoed and shared on Skoolbag later in the day (technology permitting) .

In line with NSW Government Health restrictions, **GRADUATION will still go ahead as planned. However, things may be subject to change at ANYTIME**. We will still have separate celebrations for each Year 6 class. **Both celebrations will be held in our school's Multi Purpose Room.**

Year 6 students may still have 2 guests attend. **ANY guests attending MUST be double vaccinated, QR code on arrival, sign in, wear a mask and follow any other COVID health requirements.**

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE can anyone, child or adult, attend who is feeling unwell or experiencing ANY COVID symptoms.

6 Gold will celebrate their graduation at 10am and 6 Blue will be at 11:45am. Guests will be asked to be ready to **sign-in and present proof of double vaccination from 9:40am for 6 Gold and 11:30am for 6 Blue.**

NO ONE can move once seated for any reason. The students will have their photos taken when they receive their certificates and also in front of our graduation banner by a teacher and these will be posted on Google Classroom.

At the conclusion of the celebration the children will process out and back to their learning space. At that point, all guests will be asked to leave the school grounds. **Guests who have children in both classes will need to leave and re-enter at 11:30am.**

It is important that students wear their full correct summer uniform, which includes hairstyle and jewellery.

The students attending are welcome to bring their Sports Uniform to change into as we will be moving the FUN DAY activities originally planned for the 15th December to after their Graduation.

Morning tea and a pizza lunch will be provided for Year 6 students tomorrow.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and celebrating this special occasion with the students.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Michelle Smith
Acting Principal



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

9th December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support as we have together navigated the challenges of the last two terms since the initial lockdown in July.

I am sure that you are very much looking forward to sharing the blessings of Christmas with your family and friends.

As you know Wednesday 15th December 2021 is the final day of school for our students for 2021 and we will continue to provide on-site learning for students until this date.

However, I wish to draw to your attention that many schools each day continue to report positive COVID - 19 cases and this can require the identified close contacts to isolate for 14 days. At St John Vianney's, we have had 3 positive cases in the last two days and this has already affected many of our students. **This means that if any cases are identified at school next week, the affected students and possibly their families will be required to self-isolate over Christmas.**

Thus you may wish to consider providing your child/ren with the option of completing their final days of school for 2021 at home.

If you choose to proceed with this option, we look forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school in 2022.

Best wishes to you and your family for a blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely,


Michelle Smith
Acting Principal



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

8 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your cooperation in collecting your children from school today due to the case of COVID-19 within our community. **As contact tracing continues, Year 4 students and their siblings will need to continue to do remote learning tomorrow (Thursday 9 December).** Year 4 teachers will be posting work on google classroom for all Year 4 students to access.

For those siblings who are required to work remotely please access work using the appropriate link:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - <https://remotelearning.parra.catholic.edu.au/week-10#h.v4qqt5c4oawk>

Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) - <https://remotelearning.parra.catholic.edu.au/week-10#h.jmif7ze1p2e0>

Stage 2 (Year 3) -
<https://remotelearning.parra.catholic.edu.au/week-10#h.5e8fazkvv5tq>

Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6) -
<https://remotelearning.parra.catholic.edu.au/week-10#h.qz5m13q8ee33>

As advised earlier today, Year 4 students who came to school this week are currently being checked to see if they are a 'close contact' or 'casual contact' of this case. We are working closely with NSW Health on this and we will contact these people with further advice as soon as possible.

We strongly recommend that Year 4 students who were at school this week and their siblings get tested as a precaution while they wait for confirmation about the results of contact tracing.

Anyone else who has COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately and stay in isolation until receiving a negative COVID-19 test result. You can find more information about COVID-19 symptoms [here](#).

We really appreciate your support at this very challenging time for the school. Further updates will be provided as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Smith
Acting Principal

Fr. O'Neill Clear Speaking Award 2021

| CLASS | NAME |
|--------|-----------------|
| 3 BLUE | Jethroe Serrano |
| 3 GOLD | Evelyn Joshy |
| 4 BLUE | Simon Pastoral |
| 4 GOLD | Brooke Shaw |
| 5 BLUE | Jake Cutajar |
| 5 GOLD | Lachlan Fajardo |
| 6 BLUE | Maria Kanesh |
| 6 GOLD | Alana Jesson |

Student of the Term

Malakai Knight

Ysabella Fernandez

Pearl Adjei

Alexander Muljono

Nahom Habtemikel

Andre Tiongco

Cristiano Ochoa

Jane Rose Palispis

Jaanvi Sahni

Ava Elfar

Alyanna Maningat

Zara Smith

Angela Sicat

Angela Tako

Charlie Shaw

Mia Filippi

Catechism Test Awards 2021

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| 3 Gold | Agnes Justin Georgia Mercado Caitlin Morales Olivia Jesson Julienne Escalanda Evelyn Joshy |
| 3 Blue | Ayrton Tiongco Leni Smith Natasha Kuhu Yuan Violenta |
| 4 Gold | Demiana Abdelmalak Scyanna Du Ross |
| 4 Blue | Graceline Sinambela Jacinta Aquino Liana Saba Mark Boctor Celestine Cabiguen |
| 5 Gold | Janelle LoboKakodkar Justin Dela Pena Niya Kanesh Zara Smith Arrabel Gutierrez Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio Joseph Abou-Yaghi |
| 5 Blue | Avryl Bergado Jake Cutajar Jayden Derjani |
| 6 Gold | Meghan Bartlett Brenda Abreu Aayana Chaudhary Shreya Bijo |
| 6 Blue | Ayurvi Chaudhary Carmen Bekheet Charlize Pascale Roslind Cabiguen John-Paul Abou Chaaya Tayana Hamilton Maria Kanesh |

LIBRARY NEWS

Could you please ensure your child uses a library bag to help protect our precious library books.
Library Bags are to be purchased from the office at a cost of \$10.00.

Mrs Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

TERM 4 CALENDAR

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| NEW Kindergarten 2022 Parents | 6-9 December | K 2022 Orientation / Transition Programme |
| All Grades and New Students to the School | 8 December | Meet The Teacher Afternoon 2pm – 3pm |
| All Grades | 8 December | “Green and/or Red” Day |
| All Grades | 8 December | Reports going home |
| Year 6 | 10 December | Graduation |
| All Grades | 15 December | Last day of School |

TERM 1 2022

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| Year 1 – 6 | 1 st February 2022 | 1 st Day of School |
| Kindergarten | 2 nd February 2022 | 1 st Day of School |

SCHOOL FEE BILLING

Thank you for all families who have already settled their account for School Year 2021.
For those who have outstanding balances, please settle your account before end of Term 4.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Senior boys

Champion - Oliver Franjic
Runner Up- Elijah Sibucac

10-Year-Old Boys

Champion - Sage Cheng
Runner Up - Nicholas Borg

Junior Boys

Champion - Levi Knight
Runner Up - Cristiano Ochoa

Senior Girls

Champion - Zara Smith
Runner Up - McKenzie O'Keefe

10 yr old Girls

Champion - Bernadette McIntyre
Runner Up - Jessica Laidlaw

Junior Girls

Equal Champions - Olivia Jesson and Emma Bajada

A big thank you to the Sports Captains for their assistance on the day.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

26 November & 3 December 2021

K BLUE

Zara Khattar
Owen Bajada
Lazarus Hanna
Troy Chakma
Ryan Karki
Oscar Jones
Amarynes Ramos

K GOLD

Roshna Parajuli
Maya Varela
Xavier Guevarra
Cassidy Yu
Anthony Nguyen
Cruz Morales

1 BLUE

Eesha Lal
Joshua Miranda
Maximilian Muljono
Marqus Fagela
Alexander Villaret
Amira Saumatua

1 GOLD

Lilah Scarpin
Bryce Kasemmongkol
Grayson Bolwell
Willious Chakma
Hannah Justin
Eva Gatchalian

2 BLUE

Noah Adriano
Amelia Shobin
Cartier Maningat
Marcus Gergawy
Cecille Rucat
Mya Shahatit

2 GOLD

Johan Franswah
Aidan Labo
Trevor Trainor
Chloe Otazu
Victoria LoboKakodkar
Mary Aarts

3 BLUE

Nathaniel Lejero
Emma Bajada
Hannah O'Keefe
Ayrton Tiongco
Aaron Job
Jesiah Flores

3 GOLD

Noah Angelo
Emmanuel Dela Cruz
Eli Panaligan
Zyra Elfar
Jane Rose Palispis
Olivia Jesson

4 BLUE

Joaquin Castillo
Brian Mercado
Sabrina Santiago
Celestine Cabiguen
Emily Bottomley
Levi Knight

4 GOLD

Brooke Shaw
Anna Prokhorov
Alyssa Arevalo
Scyanna Du Ross
Mia Castro Candiotti
Manny Cabiguen

5 BLUE

Jayden Derjani
Annabelle Muljono
Jake Cutajar
Stella-Rose Deluca
Tyenna Jimenza
Elijah Sibucac

5 GOLD

Jett Cuevas
Janelle Lobokakadkar
Jamae Adadiano
Jett Cuevas
Alicia Williams
Nathan Leonardo

6 BLUE

Marcus Liao
Vatican Talione
Maria Kanesh
Julienne De Guzman
Brandon Duff
Madison Divina

6 GOLD

Elias Hellouie
Caitlin Umadhay
Aayana Chaudhary
Alyssa Forster
Zyra Broadfoot
Sophia Miranda



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Accelerate your cricket skills at a Woolworths Community Cricket Program. In no time at all, you'll have the skills and confidence to get out on the field and give it your best shot!

- ✓ Easy to join and make new friends.
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- ✓ Play cricket for longer with programs running all year round.



WWCF CRICKET PROGRAM

AGES 5-10 | 60-90 MINS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. Kids will develop their skills and teamwork through fun game based activities.

Sign up now to score your Blast Pack!



BLAST PACK

Scan the QR Code to register for the program!



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ASSEMBLY

Every Monday morning, we begin the week with an Assembly. The whole school gathers to pray our School Prayer, which was composed by one of our students many years ago. We begin each day in the classrooms with this prayer which is led by one of our student leaders over the PA system.

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Father

Thank you for bringing us safely to St John Vianney's today.

Please bless our families, friends and teachers.

Help me to make today a nice day for myself and everyone I meet.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ADMINISTRATION OF AD HOC PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

In line with CEDP Policy & Procedures on the Administration of Medication during school hours, if your child requires the administration of any ad hoc medication (i.e. temporary medication), a "Request for the Administration of Prescription & Non-Prescription Medication" form will need to be obtained from the School Office and completed by the parent / carer and submitted together with *supporting documentation from the doctor regardless of prescription or non-prescription medication*. This includes over the counter medication such as paracetamol, aspirin, ibuprofen, anti-histamines, creams for allergies and alternative medicine. For prescription medication (e.g. antibiotics) the original packaging / container with an attached prescription pharmacy label constitutes such authority, alternatively a letter from your child's GP is required to be submitted with the form.

NO MEDICATION is to be in your child's school bag. All medication must be given to the office staff for safe keeping and recording purposes.

Please note that without the supporting documentation, the School will not administer any medication.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE RETURNED THE ALLERGY & ASTHMA PLANS, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND MEDICATION, EARLIER THIS YEAR.

The Asthma Action Plans and Anaphylaxis ASCIA plans are requested to be reviewed yearly by the parents. Please inform the School Office if your child's medication changes during the year.

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 for a Change of Details form 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.

VISAS

If you or your child have been on a visa and the status of that visa has changed, please advise the school office as soon as possible so that your records can be updated.

CLOTHING POOL

Last day for 2021 Clothing store trading is Thursday 9 December. The Clothing Store will reopen on 1st February 2022.

HELPFUL LINK

Families might be interested in the following program that has been designed to help children who have been targets of bullying and who have high levels of anxiety:

https://coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR3GSUcco5bm6G4Byp5ipVg-fnUqTD_oSpfnp-HZDYroomxB86Zw4zDoX8U

SUPERVISION

Morning supervision starts from 8:30am. Please 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, please contact the School Office on 8869 6300 so that we may inform your child.

REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF REPORTS

Many families are submitting applications for their child to attend high school and the office has had a number of requests for photocopying of reports already provided to the parents i.e. NAPLAN and Semester 2 reports.

As per school policy, there will be a \$5.00 per report charge for any copies the office is required to make. We ask that you give our office staff time to complete this request with either an email notification or via telephone.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

2021 P&F Committee

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| President | Teneile Shaw |
| Vice President | Amani Elfar |
| Secretary | Lisa Mangion |
| Treasurer | Maryanne Vella |

General Committee Members

Lisa Cutajar
Amanda Khattar

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY!

- ◆ School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools.
- ◆ Every day of attendance adds to a students' academic achievement and success at school.
- ◆ If a student is not at school, they can't be part of the learning.
- ◆ A student who is consistently late to school misses the learning too!
- ◆ School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

It's OK to **NOT** be at school if you are sick or there is some kind of disaster ...but it is not OK to be away because you slept in, didn't feel like coming to school, went shopping, met up with friends.

At St John Vianney's we are monitoring school attendance as one part of building your child's success at school. We will communicate with you if we become concerned about your child's attendance.

Parents can help by promoting the importance of school by:

- ✓ ensuring your child attends school every day
- ✓ arriving at school punctually (school begins at 8:55am)
- ✓ leading by example ... be organised and ready

We are keen to support parents in developing and consolidating good attendance habits in every student.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

The Education Act (1990) clearly states that parents have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and must provide an explanation for any absences. If your child is away from school could you please advise the office via phone, email or the Skoolbag App by 9:30am on the day they are absent.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANAPHYLAXIS LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY

Dear Parents,

Schools cater for many differences that children present academic, emotional, social and health issues.

Throughout our school we have children with life **threatening allergies**. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Therefore we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's lunch.

Our aim is to minimize the amount of **peanut** and **nut** products brought into the school and avoid all foods that contain **nuts**. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies. Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask that they **not** be brought to school **any time**.

Peanuts: include M&M peanuts, cashews, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts and all tree nuts

Peanut butter

Nutella

Sesame seeds remember some bread rolls have sesame seeds on the including some McDonald's hamburger buns

Food that contain satay e.g. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian dishes

Egg

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

If peanut or nuts are **not** on the ingredient list of a particular packaged food but the food has the statement:

"May Contain Traces of Nut ..."

this food may be brought to school and consumed only by **non-allergic children**.

Due to safety concerns, **we discourage children from sharing food**. We would also appreciate parents speaking with children regarding this matter.

We thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all our children.

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

| SMOOSH Vacation Care Program January 2022 | | | | |
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| Monday 10th Let Get Physical Join in the all the fun of your favourite games  | Tuesday 11th Its Craft, Its Art Its fun  | Wednesday 12th Rock Climbing Wall Challenge your self be the first to hit the Buzzer  Incursion \$20.00 | Thursday 13th Help SMOOSH Solve the Mystery  Of the missing ???? Incursion \$20.00 | Friday 14th Active Attitude Water Play Its a fun fill day of Water Games  Incursion \$20.00 |
| Monday 17th Beat the Buzzer  Games Day Fun and games as you try to beat the Buzzer Technology for extra fun. | Tuesday 18th Star Dust Circus What an incredible experience  Excursion \$30.00 | Wednesday 19th In House Movie Day  | Thursday 20th Zone Bowling Blacktown Plus Arcade Games  Excursion \$30.00 | Friday 21st Pizza Party Get you Chef's Hat On. We are making Pizza  lunch. \$5.00 |
| Monday 24th Karts2U Come dress as Mario for a fun time driving your Kart around our track.  Incursion \$20.00 | Tuesday 25th Australia Day Celebration We will be playing a whole bunch of activities to celebrate. Plus, Colour Run  | Wednesday 26th NO SMOOSH Today Happy  Australia Day Public Holiday | Thursday 27th Let get ready for back to School with us with our super Art & Craft activities.  | Friday 28th Dance like nobody is watching at the Rave Disco  Pupil Free Day Incursion \$20.00 |
| Vacation Care Booking close 15th December 2021 | | | | |