



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Term 4

October 27, 2021

Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we welcomed our Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children back to school. There was much excitement as children arrived and confidently walked through the gate to find their classmates. It was a wonderful sight to see them reconnecting and sharing news with their friends. As I visited each class during the morning session, I acknowledged the work that they had completed during lockdown and thanked them for the effort that they put into completing the tasks set by their teachers. I was very impressed by the way that the children had settled so well into the usual school and classroom routines. This is a credit not only to the children, but also to parents and carers for maintaining routines during remote learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us with drop-off and pick-up each day. This has gone smoothly and I thank you all for your patience and continued support. While there have been changes to the usual procedures, these have been necessary to ensure that we are complying with directives from the NSW Government and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. A reminder of our expectations:

- *remain outside of school grounds*
- *maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates*
- *follow mask-wearing requirements*

A detailed outline of the arrangements for drop-off and pick-up is attached to this newsletter. This is the same outline that appeared in the last newsletter and which was placed on the skool bag app and emailed to families.

*Cameron Lievore
Principal*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

25 October
All Grades returned to face to
face learning

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

November - The Month of The Holy Souls

In Catholic tradition November is a month of prayer for those who have passed away. *“From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all in the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032)

In previous years, the school has made available a “Book of Remembrance”. Families have been invited to include the names of loved ones who have passed away, so that the community can remember them in our prayers. With the difficulty of sharing common things during COVID, I have created a Google Form for families to write the names of loved ones to be remembered. These names will be entered into our school book on their behalf so we can again remember them during this month of Holy Souls.

The link is <https://forms.gle/WShbc75BUk4SUWfq9>

The link will also be shared on Skoolbag.

All Saints Day - 1st November

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honouring all saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, whom we honour on specific days, there are many who are unknown, or unsung saints who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the Communion of Saints. This is the belief that all of God’s people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification, are connected in a communion. In other words, we believe that the saints of God are constantly interceding on our behalf.



***They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.
Thank you Lord, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints.
May we learn how to walk wisely
from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.***

All Souls Day - 2nd November

All Souls Day is always celebrated the day preceding All Saints Day. On this feast day we remember and honour all the multitude who have walked the earth before us. Every soul is created and named by God and deserves both reverence and respect. On this feast day we give homage to all those who have lived and died before us.

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

Literacy Line of Thought

Now that libraries are re-opening after lockdown the book *The Giving Tree*, a book Mrs Asaad has reviewed below, might be a great book to search for and read together as a family especially as we are nearing the season of Advent when we think about others and how lucky we are. Thanks Mrs Asaad for sharing and happy reading from Mrs Kersivien

A BOOK CHAT WITH MRS ASAAD

Summary of

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The book is about a tree and a young boy, who were happy and enjoyed each other's company. As time went on the boy became busy and spent less time with the tree. To help the boy, the tree gave him everything without limit because the relationship between the boy and the tree was strong. She gives her apples, branches and trunk. Without any manners, he takes it with greed until she starts to vanish. The tree was left with nothing to offer and a friend that no longer needed her.

Who are the characters
in the story?

A tree and a
little boy

What is your favorite
part of the book?

When the young
boy appreciated
the tree and they
enjoyed each
other's company.

Did you like the book?
Why or why not?

The tree gives and gives and
gives, never expecting
anything in return. A reminder
to us to be helpful to others
without expecting reward or
recognition. It also reminds
me to appreciate the things
that people do for us and not
to take it for granted.

I rate this book _
out of 5





ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

13 October 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP at SJV's – EFFECTIVE from MONDAY 18th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

In accordance with advice from the NSW Government, Catholic Schools NSW and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), it is directed that no parents/carers are to enter school grounds. **So we are doing our very best to maintain safer distances and abide by set protocols during this time, we are asking the following of you from MONDAY 18th October 2021:**

* **MORNING DROP OFF** - If you are bringing your child/children to school please drop them at the gate near the front path of the school where there will be a teacher to ensure your child enters the school grounds immediately.

* **AFTERNOON PICK UP** - When you come to pick up your child/children from school please note changes to waiting areas.

PICK UP FOR ALL SIBLINGS or THOSE PICKED UP WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS and/or FRIENDS, will be gathered on the BASKETBALL COURT. These children will be dismissed by a teacher via the top gates in the far corner of the basketball court. A teacher will ask for your family name and those children will be called to the gate. No parents/carers are to enter the school grounds.

ALL children WITHOUT SIBLINGS will gather in the amphitheatre. A teacher will dismiss these children via the gate between the Parish and the School Library. Please stay on the Parish side of the bridge. A teacher will ask for your child's name and then your child will be called to the gate. No parents/carers are to enter the school grounds.

PLEASE NOTE: The MAIN ENTRANCE GATE near the office will be locked in the afternoon. The Walkers are to wait at this gate for a teacher to walk them out.

After School Care children will wait in the amphitheatre. They will be escorted by a teacher to their supervisor outside the Main Entrance when they arrive.

We are asking that you leave the pickup areas promptly once you have collected your child/children and do not gather to chat.

While this may be an inconvenience, your child's health and well-being, as well as your own, is our first priority.

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.

Yours sincerely

Mr Cameron Lievore
Principal



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

26 October 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR AFTERNOON PICK UP

PLEASE NOTE:

All students WITHOUT siblings

All parents / carers **MUST** stay on the Parish side of the bridge and **NOT** come to the school gate. A teacher will ask for your child's name and then your child will be sent to you.

Any student that has a SIBLING at SJV's will be dismissed from the basketball court. If you are picking up your children, you **MUST** get out of the car and wait for the teacher on duty to call for your children and then your children will be sent to you.

THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.

We appreciate your patience and ongoing support.

Mr Cameron Lievore
Principal

ATHLETIC RESULTS 2021

Congratulations to the following:

Senior Boy Champion
Senior Boy Runner Up

Brandon Duff
Elias Hellouie

11yrs Boy Champion
11yrs Boy Runner Up

Isaac Robertson
Jayden Derjani

Junior Boy Champion
Junior Boy Runner Up

Nathan Angelo
George Mikhail

Senior Girl Champion
Senior Girl Runner Up

Angela Tako
Chelsea Quimpo

11yrs Girl Champion
11yrs Girl Runner Up

Charlize Pascale
Giannah Zano

Junior Girl Champion
Junior Girl Runner Up

Jessica Laidlaw
Hayley Ayliffe

Mariette Asaad
Sports Coordinator

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

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

K Blue	Monday	4 Blue	Wednesday
K Gold	Tuesday	4 Gold	Tuesday
1 Blue	Wednesday	5 Blue	Friday
1 Gold	Friday	5 Gold	Friday
2 Blue	Monday	6 Blue	Thursday
2 Gold	Monday	6 Gold	Friday
3 Blue	Thursday		
3 Gold	Thursday		

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Infants		Primary	
K Blue	Thursday & Friday	3 Blue	Friday only
K Gold	Thursday & Friday	3 Gold	Wednesday only
1 Blue	Thursday only	4 Blue	Thursday & Friday
1 Gold	Wednesday only	4 Gold	Thursday & Friday
2 Blue	Thursday only	5 Blue	Thursday only
2 Gold	Wednesday only	5 Gold	Wednesday only
		6 Blue	Wednesday & Friday
		6 Gold	Wednesday & Friday

TERM 4 CALENDAR

All Grades	From 25 October	Face to Face learning
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SCHOOL FEE BILLING

Term	Approximate Date of Billed Invoice	Fee Due Date
4	12 October 2021	11 November 2021

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.

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

We accept donations for 2nd hand clothing. Please bring your unwanted uniforms, washed, to the School Office. If you wish to purchase second hand clothing, please contact the School Office to enquire about stocks and sizes.

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

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