



Term 4

November 24, 2021

Issue 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St John Vianney's, all staff are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the students from the time they walk through the gate until they leave in the afternoon. This is what is legally referred to as our **'Duty of Care'**. **The safety of each student is also important OUTSIDE the school grounds. It is for this reason that protocols and procedures (rules) are put in place to cover a number of aspects such as online safety, after school pick up, parking, use of pedestrian crossings etc.**

### Being Responsible and Safe when online

Once again I find myself in the position of writing about **Student Cyber Safety**. It is important that children learn to be responsible digital citizens. Schools are increasingly addressing issues that impact children happening outside school hours. Schools can only do so much. At school we talk to children about their responsibilities and organise information sessions for children to learn more about being responsible digital citizens for example, the **'Cyber Safety Chats'** presented by **Blacktown Police**.

We rely heavily on parents and carers to supervise their children while they are online by being aware of what social media they are engaging with, what games they are playing and what they are viewing. Children don't always understand the importance of behaving responsibly when they are posting comments on social media. One presenter that we have had at SJV put it quite simply when she said: **'Once it is out there, it is out there forever in some form'**.

I share the view of many school counsellors that children lack the life experience and emotional regulation skills to process the impact that a seemingly innocent post can have on somebody else. I encourage all parents and carers to speak to your children about this important issue and to encourage them to come to you if they have concerns about what they have read online.

Below is a link to the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety). This is Australia's national independent regulator for online safety with great resources you can look at and discuss as a family to raise awareness and inspire a positive use of technology.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 4

**Cricket Programme**  
Monday 29 November &  
Monday 6 December  
Full Sports Uniform  
All Grades

**Orientation / Transition Kindergarten 2022**  
6-9 December, 2021  
9:15am – 10:45am

**Meet The Teacher Day**  
Wednesday 8 December  
2pm – 3pm

**"Green and/or Red" Day**  
Wednesday 8 December

**Reports Going Home**  
Wednesday 8 December

**Final date for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> February – Yrs 1-6  
2<sup>nd</sup> February - Kindergarten

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## **Road Safety**

*It is easy to forget how unpredictable children can be. Before and after school they are excited and can easily forget how to keep themselves safe near traffic. As adults, it is our responsibility to be extra aware when driving during school hours.*

**We have received complaints from Blacktown Council about parents blocking driveways and parking in the Bus Zone.** We have been informed that both **Council Rangers and Police will be patrolling our school during school drop-off and pick-up times.** Please be aware of how you drive your car around the school. **The safety of our children is essential at all times.** Parking in front of the school is not possible for every parent, so please park your car in an appropriate place and take a walk to either drop off or pick up your child. When your child is dismissed take the time to walk safely back to your car with them.

**Please note:** Under no circumstances are parents to park their cars in the staff car park or use the area as a drop off or pick up zone. This is a dangerous practice as it is a congested area with many blind spots and a serious accident could occur.

We all need to be mindful that we (the adults) are the role models and educators when it comes to road and child safety practices and respect for rules. **I urge you to PLEASE be respectful and supportive of these procedures:**

- **Be punctual (school begins at 8:55am)**
- **Use the pedestrian crossing to cross your child**
- **DO NOT park on the opposite side of the school and allow your child to run across the road (All young children MUST hold the adult's hand when crossing the road)**
- **Children should get out of a parked car on the KERB SIDE and be crossed over the road by the adult (Cameron St is VERY NARROW when cars are parked on both sides.... this makes it DANGEROUS as passing traffic has limited space to get through (open car doors don't help)**
- **Obey 'Bus Zones/No parking/No standing' signs**
- **DON'T park across driveways to drop off or pick up children**
- **DON'T pull into the driveway to drop off or pick up children**
- **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER DRIVERS - LIMITED PARKING SPACES IN THE MORNING AT DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP TIME (in the morning, if you are the first car, please drive to the top of the drop-off zone so more cars use the space and free up Cameron Street)**

*These procedures require the cooperation of parents and carers. We ask for your assistance by doing the right thing every time whether you are just driving through the area or are involved in dropping off or collecting children from school. It is difficult for the school to ensure students are safe and supervised when the rules are 'bent' or changed, often for convenience, and not the safety of the children. Also, be aware that some offences have higher fines in school zones than in other areas and some also include demerit points.*

*My sincere thanks to those parents and carers who diligently follow procedures and work with the school to ensure all children's safety. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

*Michelle Smith  
Acting Principal*

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? \*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### NO PARKING

**No waiting.** You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up.

You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 194**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let **your child in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.

The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone.

**Yellow kerb lines** are also a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 344**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a **pedestrian crossing** and across a **double white line**.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+3 DEMERIT POINTS



### MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+5 DEMERIT POINTS

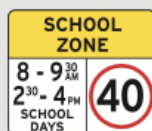
May be subject to **Double Demerits**

### DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### SPEEDING OFFENCES



40km/h is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 200**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to **Double Demerits**

\*Fines current as of 11 November 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Advent

This Sunday begins the season of Advent: but what is it all about? Advent is often likened to Lent, which is a time of preparation for celebrating Christ's resurrection at Easter. But Advent is a little different. Like Lent, Advent is also a time of preparation for the coming of Christ, though through the birth of Jesus as well as in Christ's second coming in the judgment of nations. Lent is a time of self reflection and penance. Advent is a time of anticipation. At mass we hear scripture from the Old Testament where the people of Israel were waiting in faith and expectation for the coming of a Saviour. As well, we hear of John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who preached about the coming of the Messiah. During Advent we aim to capture the same anticipation that was felt in the faith of the Israelites.



Like Lent, we are encouraged to pray, to be charitable and to make reconciliation with others, as we prepare for Christ's birth. Having an Advent wreath at home is a wonderful way of sharing this time of preparation with your family and counting down the weeks leading up to Christmas Day.

### Christmas at St John Vianney's

Last year, the school was unable to gather for an end of year celebration and to mark the coming of Christmas. Unfortunately, we are in similar circumstances so instead, as a school we will be celebrating in our classrooms with a "Green and Red" themed day.

This will be held on **Wednesday 8th December in Week 10.**

Students will be invited to wear something green and/or red on the day. As always, they will need to wear appropriate covered shoes.

The school will share an Advent and Christmas themed prayer and then classes will be involved in a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate the season.



**Social Justice initiative:** as a part of the day, and in the spirit of giving, we invite all students to bring in a non-perishable food item. This will go toward a collective donation from the school to the **Ignite Food Store at Emerton**, which works to support the needs of the community.

### November - The Month of The Holy Souls

Through the month of November we continue to pray for those dear to us who have passed away. If you would like a loved one noted in our school's Remembrance Book please fill in the Google Form below. Names will be entered into our school book on your behalf.

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

This link has been shared on Skoolbag.

Mr Simon Stennett  
Religious Education Coordinator

## Literacy Line of Thought

As the holidays are soon here you might have time to call into the local library and borrow this children's classic which is Mr Stennett's favourite children's book, "Where the Wild Things Are." It is the most wonderful book to share with students of all ages and reminds us of the joy of imagination. Thanks Mr Stennett for sharing and happy reading from Mrs Kersivian.

### A BOOK CHAT WITH MR STENNETT

Book Title:"Where the Wild Things Are"

Author:Maurice Sendak.

The characters in the story are...

Max is the main character and we meet a range of 'wild things' that don't have names that we know.

Summary of the book

It's a simple story of a mischievous boy called Max who gets into trouble for mucking up. He wears a dress-up wolf suit and goes a bit crazy. So he gets sent to bed without his supper. But that night a forest, sea and world grew in his bedroom. Max sails to the land of the Wild Things and becomes the king. The Wild Things and Max go a little bit mental but Max becomes bored and misses his family. So he gives up being the king of the Wild Things and sails back to his bedroom and finds his supper waiting for him.

My favourite part was...

... when he 'sails through night and day and in and out weeks' to the land of wild things.

What did you love most about the book..

It was the first picture book given to me and it's about a boy who uses his imagination to travel to a crazy land of wildness! (Or is it??)

I give this book 5 stars.



# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL



15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With COVID-19 continuing to be present in our local communities, I am writing to encourage you to stay updated with the latest NSW Health advice.

Several Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools have recently been impacted by COVID-19 cases on-site. This includes Delany College Granville, Mother Teresa Primary Westmead, Nagle College Blacktown South, St Patrick's Primary Guildford and St Thomas Aquinas Primary Springwood.

It is likely that some of the students in schools where there has been a COVID-19 case will have connections to our school, either through family or friends. With this in mind, please monitor your children carefully and if any member of your household displays symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they get tested immediately and self-isolate until receiving a negative test result.

You can find out more about COVID-19 symptoms and testing [here](#). Also, if someone in your household is affected, please contact the school as soon as you have been advised of this by NSW Health.

Please let the school know if there is any information that you feel we should know about your family's needs at this time. As always, we are ready to support your children in their learning and wellbeing.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Cameron Lievore  
Principal

(On behalf of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)

# Mr Lievore's Winter Reading Challenge

Mr Lievore invited the great readers of St John Vianney's a challenge to read as many books as possible during the cold months of winter. So many students rose to the challenge and here are the winners of the draw from each class. Congratulations.

Kinder Blue	Keziah Kanesh	Kinder Gold	Ysabella Fernandez
1 Blue	Aryeh Singh	1 Gold	Bryce Kasemmongkol
2 Blue	Arin Khadka	2 Gold	Chloe Otazu
3 Blue	Leni Smith	3 Gold	Charlotte-Grace Bayada
4 Blue	Liana Saba	4 Gold	Brooke Shaw
5 Blue	Jaideen Labo	5 Gold	Janelle LoboKakodkar
Year 6	Carmen Bekheet		

The student who read the most number of books was TAYANA HAMILTON in 6 BLUE. Tayana read a whopping 256 books for the challenge.

The following students read a huge number of books.  
Well done.

Aaron Feliciano, Pearl Adjei, Charlie Shaw, Om Nepal, Ryan Shobin, Andre Tiongco, Shiloh De Guzman, Amelia Shobin, Angelise Saba, Niya Kanesh, Brooke Shaw and Liana Saba.

Thanks to Mr Lievore for providing some great books as prizes and for encouraging us to "read, read, read!"

Mrs Kersivien

## **Certificate of Appreciation Awards**

*Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have shown outstanding leadership by volunteering as reading tutors during the year.*

*During Terms 1 and 2, they selflessly gave up three mornings each week to listen to children in Years 1 and 2 read aloud. It was wonderful to see the care and interest that they demonstrated with their reading 'buddy'.*

*Each session these Year 6 students observed St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's maxim: 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'*

*The students received their Certificate of Appreciation at last Friday's zoom assembly.*

*Clare Ciappara*

*Alana Jesson*

*Taylor Tuamtong*

*Madison Divina*

*Giannah Zano*

*Aubriana Villaverde-Obligacion*

*Meghan Bartlett*

*Nina Isakov*

*Amelia Azzopardi*

*Zyra Broadfoot*

*George Bekheet*

*Carlos Lopez*

*Vatican Talione*

*Angela Sicat*

*Margaux Lim*



# SJV MATHS OLYMPIAD 2021

Throughout the first 3 terms of this year a group of very motivated Year 6 students participated in the Maths Olympiad Competition - a series of 5 quizzes involving finding solutions for some very challenging mathematical problems.

The students all worked enthusiastically and cooperatively every week to solve some complicated mathematical problems.

Congratulations to all the competition participants:

John-Paul Abouchaaya  
Nina Isakov  
Jordan Laidlaw  
Carmen Bekheet

Roslind Cabiguen  
Moses Justin  
Sophia Miranda  
George Bekheet

Tayana Hamilton  
Maria Kanesh  
Lucas Ocampo

## **A special mention to the following students who achieved outstanding results**

Roslind Cabiguen was our top scorer and scored in the top 10%

Maria Kanesh and Carmen Sokar both scored in the top 20%

Tayana Hamilton scored in the top 30%

Well done everyone!

Mrs Sue Hastings





## Enrolling Now for 2023

Contact the school for an enrolment pack or visit [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)

*Enrolment applications for Year 7 2023 (First Round Offers) are due by  
Friday, 25th March 2022.*

*School tours will be held during Catholic Schools Week 2022  
Tuesday 8th March - Friday 11th March 2022  
Visit our school website to book a tour*



## Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolling Now for Year 7 2023



Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Applications close 25th March 2022.  
For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website.

Tours of the school campus will be held during Catholic Schools Week 2022  
(Tuesday 8th March - Friday 11th March 2022). Visit our school website to book a tour.

**Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)**



# MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now open for Year 7, 2023 Mercy Scholarships for:

Academic Excellence  
Music Excellence  
OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

Currently  
enrolling  
Year 7,  
2023

MERCY

COMPASSION

JUSTICE

DIGNITY

EXCELLENCE

HOSPITALITY

STEWARDSHIP

SERVICE

## 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

<b>K Blue</b>	Monday	<b>4 Blue</b>	Wednesday
<b>K Gold</b>	Tuesday	<b>4 Gold</b>	Tuesday
<b>1 Blue</b>	Wednesday	<b>5 Blue</b>	Friday
<b>1 Gold</b>	Friday	<b>5 Gold</b>	Friday
<b>2 Blue</b>	Monday	<b>6 Blue</b>	Thursday
<b>2 Gold</b>	Monday	<b>6 Gold</b>	Friday
<b>3 Blue</b>	Thursday		
<b>3 Gold</b>	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	29 November & 6 December	Cricket Programme Full Sports Uniform
<b>NEW Kindergarten 2022 Parents</b>	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

Year 1 – 6	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School
Kindergarten	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

# MERIT CERTIFICATES

12 & 19 November 2021

## **K BLUE**

Markos Jovic  
Anaya Neupane  
Jessenah Flores  
Amarynes Ramos  
Eric Khadka  
Katarina Jurkovic

## **K GOLD**

Mia Arranz  
Erick Intud  
Isaac Adems  
Jesua Mercado  
Joshua Kuhu  
Gabriella Sinambela

## **1 BLUE**

Theodore Leonardo  
Ivanna Ibrahim  
Lucy Cook  
Isabel Rucat  
Stephanie Roufail  
Ryan Saini

## **1 GOLD**

Ante Jurkovic  
Augustin Valenzuela D'Antonio  
Dre Sio Ngaha  
Nakotah Wortley  
Charlie Shaw  
Pina Mangion

## **2 BLUE**

Austin Howard  
Valentino Thompson  
Rosa Talione  
Lina Joseph  
Sina Trainor  
Arin Khadka

## **2 GOLD**

Tyrell Quimpo  
Aaliyah Knight  
Angelise Saba  
Trevor Trainor  
Jasneet Kaur  
Shiloh De Guzman

## **3 BLUE**

Gabriel Crisostomo  
Oliver Jones  
Leni Smith  
Arya Neupane  
Emma Hocson  
Jethroe Serrano

## **3 GOLD**

Arav Singh  
Frances De Guzman  
Sophia Belista  
Julienne Escalanda  
Louie Taneo  
Taylor O'Keefe

## **4 BLUE**

Lucy Borg  
Bethenny Scott  
Jaanvi Sahni  
Jacinta Aquino  
Emilia Khattar  
Adam Hussein

## **4 GOLD**

Oliver Villaret  
Nicholas Borg  
Bernadette McIntyre  
Lilliana Broadfoot  
Sanvi Nepal  
Elisha Odur

## **5 BLUE**

Prudence Baay  
Denzell Crisostomo  
Jayden Derjani  
Skye Garcia  
Chloe Marcelo  
George Mikhail

## **5 GOLD**

Oliver Franjic  
Lily Solbiati  
Eason Zheng  
Jack Vatuloka  
Annabelle Valenzuela D'Antonia  
Justin Dela Pena

## **6 BLUE**

Isabella Khattar  
Madison Divina  
John Carlo Simon  
Giannah Zano  
Alexia Williams  
Mitchell Stanford

## **6 GOLD**

George Bekheet  
Nina Isakov  
Meghan Bartlett  
Isaac Bayada  
Amelia Azzopardi  
Clare Ciappara

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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**

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