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Confirmation Retreat Day – Friday 4 May

Dear Parents,

The Retreat Day is a special day for the Year 6 students as it gives them time to reflect on how they have prepared for the Sacrament and to pray and be still in a very busy and hectic world. This type of day comes from the days Jesus spent in the desert alone and in prayer before he began his ministry and teaching. This is the same for the Year 6 students who need silence to contemplate what the Sacrament means to them and how their lives will change after receiving this Sacrament. Father Richard, who is the celebrant for their Mass, will be visiting the students through the day.

The Retreat Day for Confirmation is Friday 4 May and there are a few last minute reminders and information. If your child is making the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 9th the retreat day will be at St Jude's. If your child is making the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 10th the retreat day will be at St John Vianney's school. Students will need to be dropped off between 8:30 and 8.50am to begin the day at 9am. Pick up time is 3pm for both schools. Students can come to Retreat Day in non-uniform clothes.

The day will consist of activities, a reflection on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and formal practice for the Sacrament Mass. A Pizza lunch will be provided at no additional cost on the day at both schools and there will also be a cutting of the Confirmation cake at recess time to celebrate the day and the Sacrament. Students need to bring snacks to have during the day, a labelled water bottle and a pencil case (pencils/scissors and glue).

You are invited to come and be with your children at any time of the day to see the activities or the preparation for the Mass. St John Vianney's have their lunch between 11.15am – 12noon and recess between 1.20pm-1.50pm. St Jude's have lunch between 11am – 11.50am and recess between 1.30pm-1.50pm. There is no need to let us know if and when you are coming, please feel free to come anytime. Please be aware that if you wish to join us, you are required to provide your WWVP card at the front office of the school that you visit. If you have any questions or queries please contact us at school.

Warm regards,

Susan Chant and Ryan Matchett

Praised be Jesus Christ