



VIANNEY'S VOICE

St John Vianney's Primary School

St John Vianney's is a vibrant, welcoming community. With Christ as our centre we strive to develop the full potential of each person.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome everyone to the end of Week 2

Firstly, I would like to thank the Year 1 parents who organised our 'Tea and Tissues' session in the hall on the Monday last week. Great job!

It was wonderful to see all the parents and community members supporting the children at our opening school mass. I thought the singing, reading and behaviour of the children was exemplary.

Tonight's Parent Information Night (PIN) and Welcome BBQ starts at 5:30pm for Kinder and 6pm for all other Year Groups. We will commence the 6pm session in the hall to present information about some of the things we are focusing on this year. Parents will be then asked to write down any questions so answers can be fielded in an information note in the near future. An opportunity will then be given to pick up a pack containing information specific to your child's class.

After the Information Session, it will be time for a well-earned sausage sandwich. Given the temperature today, the hall will have the A/C turned up high and will be left open for everyone to grab their sausage and come back inside to eat in air-conditioned comfort if you would prefer.

A big thank-you to the Community Council members who will be firing up the BBQ and coordinating this event.

Year 5/6 Camp is being held next week at Kianney, Tathra. Notes have been sent out and I am sure some bags are already packed! The children are very excited and the teachers are looking forward to the leadership opportunities and team building that this experience affords the students. I will be attending camp and will be excited to get to know the children better. This means that the school will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs De Rosa who will be Acting Principal from Monday through to Wednesday.

Next Wednesday at 5:30pm will be the first School Community Council meeting for the year. I would like to welcome aboard our new nominees; Sonia Dutkiewicz, Lucy Vincent, Sharee Thomas, Karen Stilling, Troy McDonald and Paul Urbaniak. I would also like to thank Duncan Kelly, Carolyn Hourigan, Jon Wellington, Mark Konik, Neil Sydlarczyk, Charmaine Smith, Donna Chan and Sonia Foster who have given the school great service over the last two years.

As our community would know SJV unfortunately lost a class last year based on the numbers of children that attend our school. This has necessitated analysis of how we structure some procedures in place at school due to the loss of a teacher relating to the cancelled class. One of the changes we are looking at is moving from three morning duty teachers to two. One of our duties that we currently have is 'Drop off' which requires opening the car doors for the children when they arrive to school from 8:30am. This seems something that the children (with some instruction) would be able to do themselves. As I have observed many children already taking this initiative, I think this change is worthwhile trialing from the beginning of Week 3. The benefit enables teachers to offer some lunch time clubs (like Chess, Pokemon and Computer Coding) to the children twice a week starting after school camp.

As you would probably be aware our annual SJV Swimming Carnival will be held in week 6. This year Mr Stephens, our Primary Coordinator, has organised an online registration method for events and nominations have already been received.

In regards to sport we will be introducing a perpetual shield for Senior and Junior Boy and Girl Champions for swimming and athletic/cross country. Points awarded for final events will determine the overall champion with participation to be used as a decider in the case of a tie. This is a small incentive to encourage those children who strive for excellence.

Coming up soon will be the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival. Expression of interest notes will go out soon for students who wish to be part of a team and for parents wanting roles as team managers and coaches. This is always a great day so hopefully young and old will 'put on the boots' and make an appearance. I know I will be there to watch every team play.

God bless you and your families.

Peter Rodda
Principal



Term: 1 Week: 2
2017

Important Dates:

13-15 Feb
Year 5/6 Camp
Kianney

14 Feb
Valentines Day



15 Feb
Kinder Rest Day

17 Feb
Fitbitz Training
Yr 6
9-11am

Parish Weekend

Mass Times

Saturdays - 6pm
St John Vianney's

Sundays - 9 am
St Judes

Children's Liturgy
2nd, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of the
month

R.E. NEWS by Sharee Thomas



[Matthew 5:17-37](#)

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. This Sunday the readings all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. These 'Laws' are generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed.

During the Gospel, Jesus declares that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love. God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.

As a family this week, take time to discuss the ways you show each other love and respect and when this is not shown, how can you repair relationships and go beyond the minimum.

REMINDERS - Sacraments

- If your child in Year 3, 4 or 6 is wishing to receive a Sacrament this year you need to nominate them before the 5th March using the online registration form which can be found here: www.stjvwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au

Have a great week
Sharee Thomas

Co-Ordinator News by Tim Stephens

Swimming Carnival

Notes regarding the swimming carnival have been sent home this week. Thank you for those who have already filled in the nomination form online. Events will be posted in Week 4 for students to check if they have been nominated in the correct event/s. A program for the day will be available closer to the date so that parents/carers will know when their child's events are scheduled to occur.



BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

The BYOD program in Year 5 and 6 has begun very successfully. It has provided students with an opportunity to develop their skills as a digital citizen and incorporate technology into their day to day learning. As part of the BYOD program, students have begun an online portfolio of their work that will be shared with parents in Week 4 of Term 1.

Library News

Term 1 Library Days

Tuesday

5/6 St Paul, 1/2 St John the Baptist and
3/4 St Patrick.

Wednesday

3/4 St Clare of Assisi and St 5/6 St Joseph.

Thursday

Years 1/2 St Brigid, 3/4 St Catherine and Kindergarten St
Anthony.



All students need to bring a sturdy bag to Library so they can borrow.

Library is also open every Tuesday and Thursday at Recess 1.30pm – 2pm. Students are invited in to read, draw, play Lego, cars or board games.

library lovers' day 14 February 2017

Love your library on 14th February! Move over St Valentine's because 14 February is also Library Lovers' Day. So visit your library and enjoy a good book or two next Tuesday.

Are you able to help in the Library?

If you are interested in either occasionally helping in the Library by shelving books or covering books at home, please email samantha.heath@cg.catholic.edu.au

It would be wonderful to have a list of helpers to call upon as needed!

Book Club

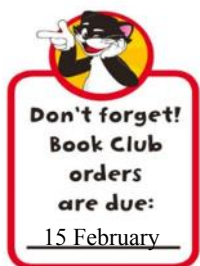
Welcome Back to Book Club!

Book Club Issue 1

Scholastic Book Club is just one catalogue for all students. Issue 1 went home this week and all orders need to be completed by

Wednesday 15 February (Week 3).

Orders can be made with cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia) or online banking, called **LOOP** (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents). The main difference with LOOP is there is no need to return the paper order form or payment receipt details back to SJV. If you decide to order online, you will be directed to LOOP and there are easy steps to follow. Any questions or problems please contact Sandy at the Front Office or Sam in the Library.



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Canteen News

WARAMUNCHIES

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

Notes were sent home requesting volunteers to assist in the Canteen. It's not too late to help - if you would like to assist, contact Trish in the Canteen.



If you are volunteering in the canteen, please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC News

Happy Birthday to Eddie H

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the ELC parent information night this week and the St Jude's welcome BBQ. **The St John Vianney's information night and welcome BBQ is on tonight from 6pm and ELC families are very welcome to join in.**

The ELC children are continuing to settle in and further develop a sense of belonging to a class, a Preschool and the wider St Jude's community. The children have visited their Year 5 and Year 4 buddy classes and have met many staff members along the way. They are connecting names to new faces and meeting new friends. It has been lovely to see many of the children are already growing in confidence in their new learning environment. After demonstrating an interest in 'baking' in the sand kitchen this week, all three classes have been busy doing some real baking. The Wombats made zucchini slice, the Joeys baked muffins and the Echidnas made pikelets. Each of the classes have received a visit from the fire fighters from the Phillip Fire Station who talked about fire safety and let the children explore the fire truck. Thank you for coming.

Library – The children have all had the opportunity to discover new library books and have enjoyed the special responsibility of borrowing a book. Remember to bring back your library bag and book (on Wednesdays for Joeys and Echidnas, Friday for Wombats) so you can borrow a new book each week.



Parent Sharing Meetings - will be held at the ELC in weeks 3 and 4. Please fill in the booking sheets at the ELC to book your timeslot.

ELC Fees – Fee statements for weeks 3 and 4 were sent out yesterday. If you have not received your fee statement email, please let us know as soon as possible.



MERIT AWARDS



Certificates will be awarded at next Friday's Assembly.

Kinder St Anthony	Ava Johnston
Year 1/2 St Brigid	Emma Battaglini
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist	Diane Sijo
Year 3/4 St Catherine	Thomas Smith
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi	Brodie Buxton
Year 3/4 St Patrick	Maisie Roff
Year 5/6 St Joseph	Georgina Spurrett
Year 5/6 St Paul	Samantha Morrison
The Arts	Daniel Loughlin
Library	Izak Gavran
Italian	Hayden Wright
REC	Clara Fernandez de Canete Nieto
Principal	Sam Kennealy



SJV Fortnightly Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Term 1 Wk 3 2017	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb
	Year 5/6 Camp - Kianney				Fitbitz Training Yr 6 9-11am		
		 Valentine's Day	Kinder Rest Day				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Term 1 Wk 4 2017	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Irish Dancing classes will be continuing in 2017 in our school hall on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Classes will commence in week 3 this term.

Irish dancing is a great way to keep fit, and make new friends. It also assists with coordination and gross motor skills. The sequences and patterns of the moves make it spectacular to watch.

Anne-Marie Dimmock, is a qualified Irish dancing teacher registered with the Coimision in Dublin Ireland. Anne-Marie competed for many years in local and National competitions with excellent results. She has been teaching Irish dancing since 1991, in fact her first classes were with students from St John Vianney's where she was a classroom teacher.

If your child is interested in learning Irish dancing or you would like more information please ring Anne-Marie on 0418 626 911 after 3pm.



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<http://www.mojoguitarteachers.com/>

The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-lock Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Australian residents aged 4-13 yrs only with parental/guardian permission. Must have CBA YouthSaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11:59pm AEST 20/3/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw 1.3.17 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEST 11/3/17. Winner in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,955. CommBank is Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 37, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Forms: NSW 01/16/01/020, ACT 1/16/01/050, SA 1/16/01/020