

ST JOHN VIANNEY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It is a great pleasure for me to take the role of Acting Principal this term. I admit that I do miss teaching my class but I know I have the very important role of care taker and I will do my best to ensure that SJV can continue to provide the best education for your child despite the difficulties we have experienced with school closures due to COVID restrictions. We hope that for all, at SJV, that this term can be a positive one. A term full of hope and support, love, compassion and kindness to support each other through all the changes we have experienced and will experience over the next couple of months.

The staff are working very hard to ensure all the COVID guidelines are followed to make our school as safe as we can be as we prepare for the return to school of students. We have looked at the ventilation of the classrooms and we expect air purifiers to arrive shortly. We have applied for a grant from the State Government that will provide for some extra shade sails to provide some learning spaces outside under cover. This design is for the area just outside the multipurpose room that faces the basketball court. This will enable classes to have some activities outside in the shade.

### Principal 2022.

We are very fortunate that the process of employing our new leader for 2022 has begun already. Tonia Tamblyn, who is the Nominee of the Executive Director of MACS, will lead the process of employing a new principal for SJV in 2022. There will be a panel consisting of Fr. Cameron, Tonia Tamblyn Principal Consultant, a nominated school principal from another school in the South Eastern zone, and two parents from our school community. On Monday the staff met with Tonia to develop a criterion for what SJV may want from a new principal. This will serve as a basis for the principal job application. The process is very thorough and we hope that by the end of the term a new principal will be appointed for 2022.

### Vaccinations

All staff have been receiving their vaccinations and we are on board to meet the requirements for all staff to be double vaccinated by the end of November as required.

### Community Vaccinations

All parents and visitors will need to be vaccinated and information can be found on this at

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>.



### Timeline for return to school.

From October 18 prep students will return three days a week, Monday through to Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 students will attend on Thursday and Friday, two days a week.

From October 26 all school students will return at least part-time: On this date, arrangements for prep students and Year 1 and 2 students will continue; Year 3 to 4 will attend on Tuesday and Wednesday; Year 5 and 6 will attend on Thursday and Friday.

**Please note:** If you are an authorised worker and are returning to work from the 18<sup>th</sup> October and require your child to attend school for remote learning please let the office know ASAP.

### Tips for returning to school

Some of the changes will include:

Face masks for students. Students 12 years of age will be expected to wear face masks inside and outside for the day. We do encourage younger students to wear facemasks inside the classroom and we ask that parents start to practice the wearing of facemasks at home. We ask that students bring their face masks from home. We hope that as the percentage of people vaccinated increases then the need to wear facemasks at school will cease.

All windows and doors will be open throughout the day in classrooms so we would like to encourage students to bring a jumper to school in case it is cooler than expected.

We also ask that students remember to bring their school hat as they need to wear it outside for Term 4.

Kind regards  
Helen

### Uniform Shop

After many years of service, Collette, Kylie and Caroline are finishing up their work in our Uniform Shop. We thank them so much for all they have done meeting the needs of our community. We are looking for some new people to take over this essential service in our school. If you would like to coordinate the shop or assist, please contact the office. Collette will be there to guide you over the next couple of months and to facilitate a hand over of how the shop operates.



### Youth Leadership Victoria After School Care Program

Once school returns on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October we do have the ability to have OSHC on the premises. This would only be available to the children who are attending school on their rostered days. With a school as small as us that puts a lot of pressure on YLV financially as being open for one family is not financially viable. To the families who do use this facility, I would like you to email the office and let us know what days you can manage without this program until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November when all children are back at school full time. If we get a particular day with more than one or 2 users, we will open for that particular day.

### **Student of the week - Remote learning**



Prep: Sophie is our amazing star of the week. She has regularly attended the Zoom meets and has contributed by giving answers and ideas. Thank you for shining so brightly by doing your very best.

1/2 FP: Marlon : Awesome drawing and writing about blue whales and writing fantastic facts about space.

1/2 OP: Lucas Costante For always going above and beyond in his learning.

3/4 TD: Lillian is the 3/4TD remote learning superstar this week! She always tries her best, shares ideas and opinions and does it all with a happy disposition! And now, she has an extra furry family member to help cheer her on! Yay for you Lillian.

3/4 LZ : Well done to Lukas for always showing great organisational skills and participation during Google meetings.

5/6 LH: Noah Patestos For having a great attitude beginning the new term and working hard to improve each day. Well done Noah!

5/6 SF: Milla White. Milla always tries her best. She has such a positive attitude and she works very hard. What a superstar!

## **Calendar**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Reconciliation Evening for Year 2 families via Zoom
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Sex Education Evening Online
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Prep Return to school
Tues 19, Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Preps attend school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Preps attend School
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Preps attend school and 3/4 Return to school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Prep and 3/4 attend school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	1/2 attend school and 5/6 return to school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	1/2 and 5/6 attend school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Closure Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Prep and 3/4 attend school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	1/2 and 5/6 attend school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL CLASSES ATTEND SCHOOL
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**FINAL NEW DATE!!!**

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 14TH**

**Session 1: 6-7pm  
Session 2: 7.15-8.15pm**



**Sexuality and Protective Behaviours Educator**

This is the new rescheduled evening for the family Program that was cancelled due to lockdown in term 2.

Payments made for the cancelled program will be carried over. There is no need to reregister if you will be attending. New bookings can also be made now.

Families who are unable to attend the program on the new date (Wednesday August 11th), and who paid in Term 2, will be refunded. To organise a refund, please reply to the email which will be sent to all those that registered and paid last term.

### **Family Programs**

Cath McCallig is delighted to offer her Family Program to St John Vianney. Cath has worked in schools as a Performing Arts teacher (right here are SJV!), as a Theatre in Education presenter for many years, and as a Sexuality and Protective Behaviours Educator with Family Life Victoria. Cath has branched out on her own and is offering both Family Evenings and School Programs. With four children of her own, Cath understands and fully supports the role families have in the sexuality education of their children.

Below is a quick run down of what is covered over the 2 sessions of the Family Program. These sessions are attended by children and their adult(s) and are an opportunity to discuss the topics listed. The sessions are designed to be fun and informal. Families can choose to attend one or both sessions. Each session runs for an hour with a 15 minute break in between.

#### **Session 1 Families, Bodies and Babies**

- Ideas of what makes a family are shared.
- Similarities and differences in male and female bodies are discussed
- Body parts are named and the term 'private parts' explained as a lead-in to keeping ourselves safe.
- Conception, foetal development and birth are discussed. This will include a brief and basic explanation of sexual intercourse and assisted reproduction.

#### **Session 2 Puberty: Growing and Changing**

- The Who, What, When and Why of Puberty (including the pituitary gland and hormones).
- A quick recap of body parts and their names for those who didn't attend Session 1
- The physical, social and emotional changes of puberty are discussed allowing time for students to talk with their attending adult(s) about management strategies.
- The gender specific changes are explained and again, students have the opportunity to discuss management with their adults.

**Cost: \$20 per family for one session, \$25 per family for 2 sessions.  
A minimum of 10 families is required for the sessions to proceed.**

**SJV's Family Program will be held on Thursday October 14th**

**Session 1: Families, Bodies and Babies 6-7pm  
Session 2: Puberty - Growing and Changing 7:15 - 8:15pm**

**Please use link below to register:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BQXJU>**

**Any questions or queries please forward to [cath.mccallig@gmail.com](mailto:cath.mccallig@gmail.com)**