Dear SJV Families

Easter is Christianity’s most ancient and important yearly feast. Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, “powerful in word and deed”, who was seized and crucified by his enemies during the Passover feast in Jerusalem. On Easter morning he rose from the dead, appearing to his followers and assuring them of God’s favour. Easter recalls these events yearly.

Today Lent and Easter are times for hearing the “Good News” once more and celebrating the sacraments that are signs of the power of Christ’s death and resurrection. They remind us of our great journey with Christ. Once more these seasons call us to believe and recall our baptismal life.

The Catholic Church celebrates the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of Holy Thursday. The Easter feast is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday, then through the Easter season which lasts till the feast of Pentecost.

The late Cardinal Basil Hume reminds us that, “The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake”.

The best way to reinforce your child’s knowledge and understanding of the Easter story is by participating in the Easter Liturgies in your local parish community. The times of liturgies at St John Vianney’s are:

- Holy Thursday (March 24): 6.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Good Friday (March 25): 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
- Holy Saturday (March 26): 5.00pm Easter Vigil and Mass
- Easter Sunday (March 27): 7.00am - St Jude’s, Gumdale & 9.30am - SJV Church, Manly

Staffing
Maree Cockerill (2S teacher) will be taking leave from Term 2 to experience the joy of parenthood. Best wishes to Maree and Andy for every blessing during this precious time. Maree will return to SJV in 2017.
Megan Quinn has been appointed to teach 2S (Monday & Tuesday) with Julene Bednall.

Dance Cart Concert
The Dance Cart concert today was a great celebration of the dance skills the students learned during Term 1. The students’ enjoyment of this program was evident in all items on the day. We look forward to our continued involvement with Dance Cart in future years.

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Holiday Reading

Good reading skills provide a solid foundation for learning. Once children learn the essential skills to read, they require regular practice for reading to continue to develop. Reading is like anything else that requires practice to develop such as running long distance races, riding a bike, playing a musical instrument or painting a masterpiece. **Children of all ages benefit greatly from reading each day.** Please encourage your child to read, learn sight words and play board games during the holiday period. Children in the early years benefit greatly from work with individual sounds, sight words and essential word families (words ending in -at, -at, -in, -ill, -ing, -ate, -all, -en). The NSW Department of Education has produced an excellent website to provide advice in all areas of learning including reading. Please refer to: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au)

Thank you to David Borthwick who donated a watering system for our school vegie gardens near the church. Information on this product can be found at [www.easiyveg.com](http://www.easiyveg.com)

Thank you for your support this term. My best wishes to you all for a blessed Easter and a restful holiday with your family.

Geoff Sullivan (Principal)

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**SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be a Learner

**Virtue for this fortnight: Forgiveness**

Being forgiving is giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong. Everyone makes mistakes. Instead of revenge, make amends. Forgive yourself too. Instead of feeling hopeless after a mistake, decide to act differently, and have faith that you can change.

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**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world’s poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016 Lenten appeal.


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**APRE NEWS**

Thank you to all families who donated money towards the 2016 Project Compassion campaign. We reached our goal of $2320 by raising approximately $2500! A donation like this could provide schooling for four children with an intellectual disability for one year in Laos.

A special congratulations to 1V who raised $221 towards the campaign.

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Empowering the world’s poorest children, women and men with hope is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the Lenten season and the beginning of Easter. Wishing you and your family a most joyous and Holy Easter.

**SJV MASS/CELEBRATION DATES TERM 2 2016**

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Kathryn Lambkin  
Acting APRE

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Borrowing over the Holidays

School holidays are a perfect time to relax, curl up with our children and share a good book. All children have borrowed library books this week to enjoy over the holidays. These books will all be due the first week of Term 2.

Kym Robertson  
Teacher Librarian

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**PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS**

Applications for Prep 2017 have now closed. Applications received after 24 March will be placed on a waitlist. Family interviews will be arranged for late April/early May.

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**HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE) AND SPORTS REPORT**

Tip for the Week: *If a child can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn* – Ignacio Estrada

**Inter-house Cross Country**: Friday 15th April 2016

Preparations are almost complete for the annual Cross Country Carnival on the first Friday next term. Thank you sincerely for your support in volunteering to assist with official duties. These will be finalised in the next couple of days and posted on the school’s website with the program. Would you kindly please bring your own chair for the day.

The students have been preparing for the event during PE classes and I seek you support in ensuring that they have some opportunities for physical activity during the holidays to maintain their fitness levels. I thank you also for your support in purchasing
house coloured shirts for the event. This creates a real carnival atmosphere on the day.
If you have any queries about any aspect of the carnival, please contact me via the office or email: marian.carlton@bne.catholic.edu.au
Thank you for your continued support and wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter vacation.

Marian Carlton
HPE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

P & F NEWS
Thank you to everyone who supported the 2016 P&F Easter Raffle and congratulations to all the Easter Raffle winners. We raised $2317.25 which will go directly towards the next phase of the air conditioning project.

Save the dates for the upcoming P&F events:
Friday 6 May - SVJ Family Bush dance
Saturday 27 August - SVJ 75th Anniversary Gala Evening

The P&F Social Committee is seeking internal sponsorship for our school bush dance. If your business may be interested, please contact Amanda Harding - amanda.harding@aanet.com.au
Happy Easter everyone and enjoy the holiday break.

Quickbeds
Planning a holiday? Why not book your accommodation with quickbeds.com.au Use the code 17149 and you will be helping raise money for our school. Every dollar spent on Australian and New Zealand holidays is turned into reward dollars for our school. Please share this code with family and friends.
Quickbeds have a price match guarantee. If you find the same room type for the same dates at a lower price, they’ll beat it. They charge no booking or credit card fees. For further terms and conditions please see the website for details.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday 11 April: NO TUCKSHOP FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Friday 15 April: NO TUCKSHOP - CROSS COUNTRY DAY
Monday 18 April: Melinda Paljakka, Lucy Burton

COMMUNITY NOTICES
The ST PATRICK’S DAY COMMITTEE would like to thank Fr Frank Jones, Jane Rhodes, Dermot & Adrienne Heelan, John Meehan, Lea Ryan, Grant and Annwen Schwickard, Nigel & Libby Condron for helping to put together a great evening. Well done to everyone involved and thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER – MONDAY 18 APRIL – PREP V
Please contact your Classroom Coordinator for further information regarding the cleaning roster and duties.

FIT BODIES LEADS TO FIT MINDS Before school training commences Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 7.30am. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

JUNIOR RUGBY COACHING CLINIC 3 day coaching clinic for all players aged 6-15 years. Dates: 6,7,8 April Venue: Riverside Rugby Club, Bulimba Times: 8.30am to 12.30pm Cost: $230 Register and pay online at www.nextgenrugby.com.au

ANNETTE ROSELLI DANCE ACADEMY Open Day and studio opening 1/27 Millenium Place, Tingalpa Saturday 9 April 2.30pm to 3.00 Free Dance Class 5 years and under Studio 2. For more information, phone 0400 664 661 or visit www.anneitrosettialedy.com.au