

PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter March 2025

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2025 Committee: from left: Elizabeth Assistant Treasurer; Lorraine Treasurer; Janet Program and speakers, Ruth President; Sandra Fong Zone Councillor; Zita Friendship; Rosemary Secretary and Delegate.

Dates for your diary

- **Wed 5 March, at nbc, 11 for 11.30 meeting**, for those who have not yet paid subs please bring \$20 in an envelope marked with your name and “subs”. Otherwise transfer funds into our club account BSB 062223 account 10093904 and put your name plus “subs” or donation” as a reference. Guest speaker, Jennifer Hubbard to speak on Fashion during WW2
- **Friday 7 March, International Women’s Day**; high tea, Galston Club, Arcadia Rd, Galston, 11am for 11.30 am. Cost \$55. Speakers: Legal Academic & Councillor, TSF. Entertainer. RSVP.
- **Wed 19 March, 12 noon, Club Parramatta**
- Wed 2 April, at nbc 11 for 11.30 meeting, Guest speaker from Westmead Hospital School.
- Wed 16 April, TBA

March birthdays: 1 st Dale 9 th Wendy	April birthdays 19 th Maureen
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The VIEW Club Pledge</u></p> I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all and to help those in need	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grace</u></p> O Lord, giver of all good, we thank thee for our daily food. May VIEW Club friends and View Club ways, help to serve thee all our days.
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News from the Learning for Life Students Parramatta VIEW sponsors

<i>The three most interesting things about me: what are you good at? Do you have any special skills or talents? Do you do any after school activities? What are your favourite things to do on the weekend?</i>		
Jamain Year 11 2024	Thomas Year 11 2024	Hawraa Year 10 2024
My favourite things to do after school and on weekends is play the PlayStation or play basketball out the back. I enjoy have my visits with my mum, nan, brother and sister every month. My favourite subject is maths.	I like cooking, I play basketball at school. I like to hang out with friends on the weekend.	I am good at communicating. I do soccer and Oztag. I love going out with family on the weekend.
<i>What is a goal you have for this year? Do you want to learn a new school subject, special skill or trick? For example a sport, language or game?</i>		
This year I want to improve in all my school work. I want to gain my learners licence and have been practising it each week until I feel confident enough to go for them.	I want to get better at sports and I want to work on my attendance at school..	I want to make my parents proud of everything that I do.
<i>I felt proud recently when ... Have you done something kind for someone? Do you help your family at home? Have you won any awards or certificates?</i>		
I recently started my first job at McDonalds which made me feel real proud of myself.	I am proud of my math and English exams I did at school.	Yes I am very kind to others and my family and love doing good for others.
<i>My dream job is .. What is a job you would like to do in the future? It may be a job that doesn't even exist yet!</i>		
I am unsure what my dream job is at the moment. I hope by the time I finish school I will have more of an idea of what I want to do.	My dream job is to be a cook or chef but I'm not really sure right now.	Occupational therapy.
<i>Write a comment to your sponsor from your parent or carer. What has your child improved most in? How has The Smith Family's support helped you? What would you like to share with their sponsor?</i>		
Jamain has improved in all of his subjects at school this year and has just started his first job at McDonalds. Jamain is starting on the deep fryers and will hopefully be trained in other areas. Jamain hopes to get his learners licence this year.	There has been a big improvement in his work in English and maths. He has been enjoying school this year. I would like to thank my son's sponsor for helping me to provide things needed to help with providing the things to enable Thomas to do the best he can at school. Thank you.	Thank you for everything.

We have already paid \$936 for each of the year 12 students, Thomas and Jamain, and \$660 for Hawraa in Year 11. These payments were made before the end of Dec to avoid rise of cost at end of the year, so this covers the payments for 2025.

From the "Friendship Book", 2023, with thanks to Maureen

It's a notion of service rather than expectation. It's often credited to the great Scottish novelist Robert Louis Stevenson.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

Of course, the upside of focusing on planting seeds is that, inevitably, you or those you love will also have a harvest to reap.

<p>This hit home for me!</p> <p>When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't throw it away, you change the batteries.</p> <p>When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need AA... Attention and Affection; Some need AAA... Attention, Affection and Acceptance; Some need C... Compassion; Some need D... Direction. And if they still don't seem to shine... simply sit with them quietly and share your light.</p>	<p>I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."</p>	<p>My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner...</p> <p>So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!</p>
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