FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

A warm welcome back to you all at the start of another exciting year of learning! It was a pure delight to see the school alive with the sound of laughter on Monday morning as stories of holiday adventures were eagerly exchanged and children reconnected with each other after the break. It was wonderful to greet 22 new families and 27 new students to St Vincent’s. I hope you are able to connect with these new families at the Meet and Greet Welcome BBQ on Friday February 10.

The teachers have embraced the new year with tremendous enthusiasm and it was great to see them so busy over the latter end of the holiday period, beavering away in the classrooms, getting everything ready for the start of a new year. Last week all staff attended four days of Professional Development giving us competencies in current first aid practices, student learning theory about moving surface knowledge to deep knowledge and Social Emotional Learning in component 3 training of the KidsMatter framework.

A full staff list is included in this newsletter. We welcome Kindergarten teacher Kylie Swan and returning from maternity leave Natalie Currie. Natalie will be working with Sonia Mattiske teaching Year 1 Blue. A reminder that teachers can be contacted using their email address: firstname.surname@cg.catholic.edu.au. A new order of the school day commenced this week. Staff recognised the benefit of having a longer middle teaching and learning session, so you will notice that lunch now commences at 1.10pm. An order of the day is included in this newsletter.

Thankyou for ensuring your children have commenced school wearing the correct school uniform. On your behalf of all families, I thank Suzie Morris for organising the Clothing Pool to be open during the holidays...much appreciated Suzie.

I wish you and your families a happy association with St Vincent’s this year. A special welcome to all our new families and I hope that you will soon feel as though you belong to our great school community. We are blessed to be a small school. The size and structure of our school allows for each child to be treated as a special individual and is a place where lasting friendships are established.

May God bless you and your families

Lina Vigliotta

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A reminder that we are holding our Meet and Greet night next Friday, 10 February at 5.30pm. Classrooms will be open and parents will have an opportunity to meet their child’s teacher for the year and receive a class information pack. At 6pm we will gather under the shelter for staff introductions. We are also having a BBQ sausage sandwich for parents and children. If you are able to assist on the BBQ, please contact me via the Front Office.

The Term 1 Family calendar is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the homepage of the school website www.svdp.act.edu.au Please refer to it often as it is updated regularly. Meet and Greet, opening school Mass, Swimming Carnival, parent/teacher/student conversations and the Catholic school’s soccer carnival are just a few of the highlights this term.

Any parent who volunteers to work in classrooms, sporting teams, Learning Support, coaching, driving children to excursions, reading, canteen, uniform shop, etc. must download and complete the Working With Vulnerable People paperwork and take it along with proof of identity to a Canberra Connect Office. As with your driver’s license renewal, your photo will be taken and a card sent to you. There is no fee for volunteers. If you intend offering your services in any way this year, we ask that you comply with the legislative requirements. We thank you most sincerely for your time and willingness to support this community.

We welcome a number of new families to our school community. They are: Bell, Bhattacharya, Brozic, Capasso, Harris, Hume, Irvine, Jackman-Hale, Juatco, Kang, Lee, Lees, Malcolm, McDonald, Moore, Nevin, Paini, Puri, Rabeling, Sharma, Skinner, Teoh, Wright. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to welcome all of our new families and wish them many happy years here at St Vincent’s. We welcome the gifts they bring to the school.

At St Vincent’s, we have our own “Skoolbag App” as an alternative method of communication with the parent body. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag – St Vincent’s App.

How do I install the App? – Full instructions can be found at the end of this newsletter. In order to receive information relative to your child’s grade you will need to set up push notifications.

What does it do?
This school mobile App provides the school with an easy way to tell parents everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar.
Coming home today are Term 1 school fee statements. These are due Friday, 3 March (Week 5).

**ST VINCENT’S SCHOOL STAFF**

Please come and meet the staff on Friday 10 February 5.30 – 8pm.

Principal Lina Vigliotta
Assistant Principal Lisa Harris
Religious Education Coordinator Luke Maher
Office Manager Nicole Watson

Kinder Yellow Kylie-anne Swan
Year 1 Blue Natalie Currie/Sonia Mattiske
Year 2 Yellow Hamish Meagher
Year 3/4 Blue Angela Luchetti
Year 3/4 Yellow Lynne Hellyer
Year 5 Blue Charlotte Fitzpatrick
Year 5 Yellow Luke Maher
Year 6 Blue Sam Beattie

Teacher/Librarian Susan Ashmore
Italian/Music Anna Marzano
Classroom Support Teacher Rita Evans
Classroom Support Assistant Donna-Lea Collins
Canteen Manager Bronwyn Smith

**ST VINCENT’S SCHOOL DAY**

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Welcome to St Vincent’s!

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1 Blue

Kindergarten
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all for the 2017 school year. It is always lovely returning after the summer break and I appreciate the ‘Hi Mrs Harris’ and warm smiles I have been greeted with.

I hope that your child/ren will have fun at our school, make many friends and learn new and wonderful things. I know that all the staff at St Vincent’s look forward to watching them; as they grow and take on new experiences.

This year, one major teaching and learning focus is for our students to have ownership of their learning. Within the classrooms we will be looking for students who can:

- Articulate what they are learning
- Explain the next steps in their learning
- Set learning goals
- See errors as opportunities for further learning
- Know what to do when they are stuck
- Seek feedback

Alongside these important skills, we want to develop a number of qualities in order for our students to be successful learners. These are also known as Learning Dispositions and they refer to the way in which learners engage in and relate to the learning process. Learning dispositions affect how students approach learning activities and, potentially, the outcomes of their learning. Learning Dispositions may include but are not limited to: Persistence, Flexibility, Motivation or a Will to learn, Innovation, Problem Solving, Reflection and Time Management. Throughout the year, we will develop and design Learning Dispositions that are specific to St Vincent’s students.

I am looking forward to catching up with many of you over the next few weeks. Wishing you and your families a fantastic 2017!

With best wishes,

Lisa
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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: William O, Lily Mae C
YEAR 1 BLUE: William T, Petra F
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Jessica M, Lucas K
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Eliza B, Chloe P
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: William T, Harry M
YEAR 5 BLUE: Sharadda S, Leah S
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Patrick M, Annie W
YEAR 6 BLUE: Harry N, Sienna P

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week:

William O, Amelia G, Rohan H
Welcome back to school for 2017!

I hope all of our wonderful families have had an opportunity for some rest and the chance to reflect on the joy and peace of the Christmas season.

We have another exciting year ahead at St Vincent’s and we have enjoyed being back together this week.

**Whole School Focus**

In 2017 our whole school theme ‘You are Called...’ will help students, teachers and families to further explore their own call to discipleship, the call that has brought us together as members of the St Vincent’s community.

The Prayer Celebrations for 2017 will use scripture to help us understand how the call to discipleship heard and acted upon by the apostles is relevant for us today. Our celebrations will be prayerful opportunities to make connections with scripture passages that share foundational messages of discipleship.

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey”. (Pope Francis)

**Beginning of Year School Mass**

Our Beginning of Year School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 14 February at 9:30am. We warmly invite all parents, family and community members to join us this celebration.

Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

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**FROM THE PARISH**

**Children’s Liturgy at St Vincent’s Parish Church**

This Sunday, 5 February, all children are welcome to attend the Children’s Liturgy, which is held during 10 am Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month.

The liturgy explores the meaning of the gospel through a mixture of prayer, discussion and activities. It’s a fun way for children, as the youngest members of our parish, to come together to be supported and valued as their faith and understanding grows.

We’d love you to join us.

Contact justinemolony@bigpond.com
SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS START WITH HEALTHY MINDS

St Vincent’s Primary School is part of the KidsMatter mental health and wellbeing initiative. The framework for primary schools is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter provides the methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

Each class will participate in a range of age appropriate activities as part of their learning each term. Watch this space to be informed about what the children are up to and for some tips to try at home. You can also visit the website for information and resources:
http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

If you have a child who has started kindergarten this week be sure to look at the starting school resources:
http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/resources-your-journey/starting-school

Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy

LGIDA Dance Studio (Aranda Scout Hall) BOYS AND GIRLS from age of 4 years Your first lesson is free! Every child will be taught “Riverdance” style and Traditional and energetic Irish Dancing

Children are taught dance for public performances, competitions and local and international championships. For further enquiries please contact Liz Gregory T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G –
Phone: 0419 225195  Email: lgida52@hotmail.com

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS AT HARRISON!

Elementz Rhythmic gymnastics is happy to offer recreational and competitive Rhythmic Gymnastics programs for children 2yrs and older. Elementz prides itself in offering high-quality, dynamic programs that fuse the fundamentals of dance and gymnastics with ropes, hoops, balls, clubs and ribbons. Rhythmic Gymnastics is our passion and we firmly believe it promotes flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness, working independently and in teams, self-discipline, fun and friendship.

Classes are on every day! Call today to arrange an obligation free trial class or enrol. For more information go to our website
www.elementz.com.au Spaces are limited so please get in touch!

Marymead’s 50th Year Anniversary

Family Fun Day 11.00am –3.00pm
SUNDAY 26 Feb 2017

255 GOYDER STREET NARRABUNDAH
CREATE-ACT-PLAY-PERFORM
WITH CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

DRAMA AT ST VINCENT’S

UNLEASH YOUR IMAGINATION INTO THE WILDS OF THE THEATRE!

Our Primary School Workshop Program provides inspiring workshops for 7 - 12 year olds to learn the fundamentals of performance in a safe, creative and welcoming environment. Through drama games and exercises we explore creativity, build confidence and develop core skills in voice, movement, improvisation, character and story.

Each semester a unique program is determined for the workshop based on the skills and interests of the group. Core skills will be developed, strengthened and extended. Then at the end of the semester the group will implement all they have learnt in a short theatre piece for family and friends!

Dates: 15 February - 28 June 2017
Where: St Vincent’s Primary School
Who: young artists in grades 2 - 6 (must be at least 7 years old to participate)
Day and Time: Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm
Enrolments are now open! For more information and to enrol visit www.cytc.net/workshops

Canteen

Welcome back to another year of Canteen on Fridays.

As this is the start of a new year, I am asking a big favour of all parents in all year levels to make a commitment of your time, whether it be an hour, morning or lunchtime to make the running of the canteen a great one this year. Please find time as it is a rewarding experience for your children to see you helping out.

Many thanks to those who have the time each week or when they are rostered. I appreciate everyone’s help and would love to see new faces.

A reminder for parents who use Flexi-schools to update their children into the new class lists for 2017. If you need instructions on how to set up Flexi-Schools for lunch orders, please get an information sheet from the Front Office.

Thank you
Bronwyn Smith, Canteen Manager

Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au

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Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! "Like"

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au