FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

A warm welcome back to everyone for the start of our second term at St Vincent’s. I hope that you all enjoyed good times with your children during the term break and were able to use some of the suggestions for holiday activities from your child’s teacher in the term overview that was sent home at the end of last term.

At school the break enabled us to have some maintenance jobs done. A number of bricks have been re-laid, playground equipment repairs complete, all toilets have been fitted out with stainless steel large toilet roll holders and our playground gardens have had a spruce up.

Thankyou for sending your child back to school in the correct uniform. I know how tricky it can be after a 2 week break to have uniforms ready, shoes polished and hair tied back for the start of a new school term. I am happy to report that the children returned to school this week in great spirit.

Tomorrow morning we pay tribute to our ANZAC heroes with a ceremony at our regular Assembly time. It is a great opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the courageous deeds of the brave men and women who served for our country. We hope you can join us.

The ANZAC story has at its heart a heroic story of Hope, the same message of Hope that is the true meaning of Easter. As we begin a new school term I wish to assure you that at St Vincent’s we are committed to sharing this key message with our children each and every day. St Vincent’s, as an authentic Catholic school, is a place where each of us, student, staff member and parent should experience Jesus each day. In our quest to support your child’s learning, teachers will often begin with a story of heroism and hope. Such stories can serve to inspire our children and can be great entry points for us to connect with them and lead them to reflecting on their lives with a sense of gratitude for the blessings they enjoy as well as focusing upon the future with a sense of hope.

Wishing everyone well for the term!

Lina Vigliotta

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Catholic Schools Enrolment Period has begun and continues through to Friday 18 May 2018. If you know of anyone outside of our school community who has a child at pre-school, please notify them of the opportunity to enrol at St Vincent’s during the above period. Enrolment packs are ready for collection. Our Open Day will be on Wednesday 9 May 9.00am – 11am and from 4 – 6pm.

Coming home today to all families is a pack of brochures advertising our school open day. We ask that you letterbox drop these to your neighbours. Many thanks to Chantelle Farrar who designed our new look posters advertising our Open Day.

If you are able to meet and greet some prospective families we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Front Office of availability from 9-11am or 4-6pm.
A great opportunity to help us out and enjoy a cuppa with a friend.

WORKING BEE – THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY 6 May
10am – 12pm
Loads of fun!
Meet new people and make our school grounds even better.
Please bring with you a shovel, spade, rake…or anything else that may be of use in the garden.
A sausage sizzle is provided to all helpers.

Seeking skills from any parent who drives a bobcat to help move some rocks in our school playground. Please contact the Front Office if you can help out.
All students have returned to school proudly wearing their winter uniform. We encourage our child to wear their school uniform with pride when at school and when representing our school off campus. This means: shirts tucked in, buttons on sleeves done up, shiny shoes and the correct hat and colours for hair accessories. If hair is longer than shoulder length it needs to be tied back. A reminder that the Clothing Pool is available to families who would like to purchase pre-loved items of the winter uniform.

### Winter Uniform

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### SPORT EQUIPMENT RESTOCK

Thanks to the many St Vincent’s families who have purchased sporting equipment/clothing at Rebel sports in the past year. Registering your purchases against St Vincent’s has resulted with our school being credited with enough funds to purchase a range of sporting equipment for our students.

### CLUB4KIDS

**Club 4 kids Playgroup**

We are proud to be offering all families with children aged between 0 -4 years an opportunity to join in a morning of learning opportunities. Club4Kids is held every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am in the After School Care Room. A new timetable for Club4Kids is attached to this newsletter. Please share with your neighbours and friends. All welcome.

Yesterday, Aranda Primary Pre-schoolers joined Club4Kids. The Gecko Gang were here to join the fun!
To all our beautiful mothers

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR OUR

**Mother’s Day Breakfast and Stall**

Friday, 11 May from 7.45am

*May we come together and celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our St Vincent’s community.*

If your family can join us please fill in the *rsvp slip below* and return it to school by Wednesday 9 May. Dads are very welcome to come and help out on the morning. We especially love to have some dads assisting during the breakfast so the mums can enjoy the special morning.

**The Mother’s Day Stall is back for 2018**  On Friday 11 May our children will have an opportunity to purchase a very well-priced gift for their mum, nonna, gran, stepmum or mama. Gifts are all priced at $5 and there will be a wide variety of options available.

All funds raised from the Mother's Day Stall will allow the School Community Council to invest in a better school environment for our students.

For a preview of gifts, visit the St Vincent’s Primary School Community Council Facebook page (@stvincentsprimaryschoolcommunitycouncil)

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**MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST RSVP**

**Family Name:**

**Numbers attending breakfast**

*(adults)* *(children)*

I am able to help or email office.svdp@catholic.edu.au
Dear St Vincent’s families and friends,

It is always nice to come back after the term break and listen to the stories about family outings, the books that were read, see the new haircuts and see how much the students have grown!!! Especially the Kinders! We were blessed with glorious weather and I hope many of you had the opportunity to take advantage of this.

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

All major events for this term have now been added to the school’s electronic Calendar, which can be accessed via the school website or on the SkoolBag App. The calendar is updated regularly so keep an eye out for new events! Have you checked your notification settings for the SkoolBag App? You will need to click ‘accept notifications’ in the settings of your device or phone to receive alerts. Sometimes, the alerts or notification will not work if you do not have the most up-to-date version of the app.

Gymnastics—This term, all classes at St Vincent’s will participate in a 35 minute Gymnastics session provided by the Activated group. The sessions are taught by qualified coaches, Laura and Tijana. Gymnastics will run every Tuesday this term for 9 weeks. The first session went really well and the children look forward to participating each week.

NAPLAN—NAPLAN testing for 2018 will be completed electronically, except for Year 3 writing which will be administered on paper. The dates for NAPLAN for St Vincent’s students this year are:

- Tuesday, 15 May – Writing
- Wednesday, 16 May – Reading
- Thursday, 17 May – Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)
- Monday, 21 May - Numeracy

For more information about NAPLAN 2018 go to https://www.nap.edu.au/

Parent Reading Workshop

At this morning’s reading workshop we talked about how to make reading an enjoyable experience for your child at home. We delved in to what a good-fit book looks like, some tips and tricks for reluctant readers, skills and strategies for when your child get stuck on a word. I would love your feedback about suitable times to deliver parent presentation. I completely understand how busy families are and that you cannot always make sessions run by the school. If you can, could you complete the simple and anonymous survey I have put up on the SkoolBag App. Unfortunately, the video link did not work this morning. However, I will be uploading the presentation to the SkoolBag App shortly.

With best wishes always,
Lisa
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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this week’s awards

KINDER YELLOW: Eli C, Achuil A
YEAR 1 BLUE: Connor M, Evie S, Aiden R
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Ella N, Jennifer T
YEAR 3 BLUE: Melvin S, Dion M
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Alice H, Sarah M
YEAR 5 BLUE: Deng A, Taneisha P, Reuben W
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Queenie P, Sean’Hope C
YEAR 6 BLUE: Ella R, Lara S

BIRTHDAYS

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

Taneisha P
Welcome back to Term 2!
Term 2 will be filled with wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate together as a faith-filled community. We are blessed this term to be able to support our Year 6 students as they journey toward the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will begin in Week 3 with the Information Session and their Commitment Mass.

Project Compassion
Just a reminder that if you have a Project Compassion box please return it to school so that our donations can be passed on to Caritas.

Prayer Celebrations
We look forward to learning more about how we are can 'Be Still and Know...' as we are guided through some more class Prayer Celebrations. We hope you are able to join us for these occasions.

Important Dates - Term 2

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<td>Do Not Worry - 3 Blue - Friday, 8 June</td>
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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s Specials are: Chicken & Veggie Noodle Stir Fry-$4.00
Tomato & Capsicum Soup (not vegetarian)-$1.00

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ST VINCENT’S SPORT

Dates for your Diary

During the year various sports will be conducting trials, I will advertise these as they come up. The ACT School Sport web address is https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/ if you would like to register your child for trials.

Trials (please check school sports website for more details and registration)

Girls 12&U Touch Football Trials
Boys 12/U Touch Football Trials
Boys 12&U Belconnen Soccer Trials
ACT 12/U Boys Soccer
Boys 12/U Belconnen Touch trials
ACT 12/U Boys Basketball
Girls 12/U Belconnen Netball
Boys 12/U Belconnen Australian Football
Boys and Girls 12/U Belconnen Hockey trials

Athletics Carnival
Ribbons for the Athletics Carnival will be handed out on Friday Week Two at morning Assembly.

Good luck to Mia K and Indiana P who compete in the ACT Swimming Championships next Monday, Riley B who is competing in the ACT Rugby League Championships next Thursday and Congratulations to Alannah A for her achievements in swimming.

Winter Map Mates registrations is now open. After the success of the Summer series this fantastic team based competition, for children 7-13 years old, is on again! A free Map Mates Welcome event will be held on 19 May and is open to any child interested in orienteering. Map Mates is perfect for beginners with our Map Mates coaches teaching new orienteering skills each week. Map Mates is a team competition designed to teach map reading, build team-work, enhance fitness, showcase Canberra’s beautiful parks and reserves, all while focusing on having fun! The Map Mates competition starts on 26 May and runs for four weeks, in conjunction with the ACT Saturday Series, and concludes with a presentation BBQ on 30 Jun.

For more information and to register go to the Map Mates page on Orienteering ACT's website:


Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—9 years.

This course will give you insights and skills needed to:
- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child's positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give ‘knee-jerk’ reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week for a 3 week period.

DATES: Mondays 14th, 21st May & 4th June 2018
TIME: 6pm—8pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
Fee: $110 (concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact 1800 068 698
Free Call
Wondering what to do on your Wednesday off preschool?

St Vincent’s Primary School ARANDA invites all children aged 0 – 4 and their parents to...

Club 4 kids Playgroup

every Wednesday 9.30 -11am

Free sessions ...bring a snack and drink.

Opportunities to wonder, explore and investigate our world!

Parents must stay, younger siblings welcome.

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All children in area* are welcome!

*Area includes Aranda, Macquarie, Cook, Bruce, Belconnen and all existing families

Coordinator: Jacinta Putt

Contact: 6251 2442
CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE WON 2 FREE LESSONS!
TO REDEEM YOUR PRIZE: PHONE OR EMAIL YOUR INTEREST BY 14TH MAY 2018! DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE IRISH DANCING A TRY! BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH US!

Gregory Academy welcomes everyone from the age of 3 years to Adults – we accommodate classes for ALL ages regardless of experience in any form of dance from our 3 qualified Teachers – Liz, Jackie and Megan!

It's great fun, great for your fitness, and instills confidence to perform on stage or just for enjoyment!

Contact: Liz 0419225195 Email: gregoryacademy@outlook.com
www.gregoryacademyirishdance.com

A very good place to start

We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The AGC will be visiting your school this term to hold an assessment workshop for interested girls in Kindergarten and above.

The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we'll post a personalised report and further information about Semester I classes to you.

Contact us for more information: 1800 338 142 | aspgroup.com.au

Australian Girls Choir assessment (Please return to the front office by Friday)
Girls Full Name: Date of Birth: Gender: Address: School: Postcode: Email: Telephone: Parent/Guardian Name: Signature:

Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.