FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

A warm welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very busy fourth term at St Vincent’s. I hope that you all enjoyed some good times and holiday fun with your children. The children have certainly settled in very well to the new term. A high point for me in the first part of the week was my visit to Year 5 to share in their morning prayer. Part of the prayer gave me an opportunity to listen to the children talk about the ways they are showing acts of kindness towards others they come into contact with. The actions described by these boys and girls demonstrate the true spirit of a St Vincent’s student. One who is called to be a disciple of Jesus and through their kind words can change someone’s entire day.

There is much excitement in the school as planning and execution for our major (and only) fundraiser for the year comes in to play. The children are super excited by our COLOUR me Ninja run scheduled for Thursday, November 9. Last term this fundraiser was launched and on Friday we will recap the format for the children. A sponsorship card and details about the event will come home tomorrow. We are very excited to be committing all funds raised to the installation of a Spider Climbing frame – this will be a wonderful addition to our playground.

On the weekend we were advised that Fr Simon Falk will be the new parish priest for the parish of St Matthew and St Vincent de Paul. This appointment will commence in January 2018. We look forward to welcoming Fr Simon to our wonderful school community and will have a special farewell for Fr Michael (retired) and Fr Lolesio (appointed Assistant priest at Goulburn) later this term.

This week our community welcomed two new families to St Vincent’s. Tera Lee (3/4B) and Daniel Lee (5Y). We wish these children and their families a long and happy association with St Vincent’s.

I thank Lisa Harris and the wonderful teachers at St Vincent’s for their care of students and each other during my absence. My time overseas was amazing and an opportunity to reconnect with family in Italy as well as colleagues in UK.

Thanking you all for your ongoing support of St Vincent’s which I truly appreciate.

Lina Vigliotta

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The weather forecast for this Saturday is for a fine (and cloudy) day. This is great news for the many students who are representing St Vincent’s at the Calwell netball courts. Our friends at St John the Apostle, Florey are hosting the event and we wish them well. Thanks to Lynne Hellyer for coordination of our teams and the many parents, who are umpiring, managing and supporting the teams. Have a great day.

**WORKING BEE**

**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER**

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 and drinks provided to all helpers.*

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

For families with children commencing Kindergarten in 2018 the date for Orientation is as follows:

Thursday, November 16 commencing at 9.15am.

During this time, parents are invited to attend a session with myself and the leadership team followed by an opportunity to gather information about our wonderful school at the St Vincent’s School Expo.

I appreciate the assistance from current Kinder parents to help in setting up and hosting the morning tea.

**NEW COUNSELLOR**

I’m pleased to announce that our new Catholic Care Counsellor, Sharyn Lynch has commenced working at St Vincent’s. She will be with us every Wednesday. Sharon has much experience and will be a wonderful addition to our community.

**Yr 5 2018 BYOD Information Meeting**

The BYOD program has been successfully implemented this year in Year 5 and 6 classes. All parents of students in the current 2017 Year 4 class are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, 19 October at 6.30pm in the school library. At this meeting Sam Beattie will present full details of the requirements for the device.

**ALPHA SHOW**

On Tuesday, all students will be treated to a full theatrical musical experience. The Alpha Show group will be presenting Cinderella- it has a powerful social and emotional learning focus on self worth and kindness. Cinderella will give the children a great story that expands on the fairytale to look at the underlying emotions driving the characters and a chance to help Cinderella (and themselves) uncover, express and release their emotions. We were fortunate to experience an Alpha production last year and the children are looking forward to experiencing the full theatrical show this year.
Students are now in Summer uniforms until the end of the year. Please encourage your child to wear their school uniform with pride. This means polished shoes, the correct hat and colours for hair accessories. Please ensure that hair is tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Headlice has been rampant through some classes and it is distressing to have to administer more than one treatment on your child. For quality second hand uniforms, please speak with Nicole Watson at the Front Office.

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St Francis Xavier College, Florey celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year and we want you to be part of the fun. If you are a former student or staff member of SFX this is a fabulous opportunity to catch up with old school friends over drinks and canapés. Hope to see you there!

**WHEN** Saturday 4 November 2017 from 6.30pm

**WHERE** Ainslie Football and Social Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie

**COST** $35


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Come along to SFXFEST and help us celebrate our 40th anniversary. Kick back and enjoy our fabulous home-grown bands, a yummy array of food, coffee, jumping castle, face painting, art bombing, school tours and all your favourite fete fun! This family-friendly day is a chance to catch up with old friends and rekindle high school memories. Open to all.

**WHEN** Saturday 4 November 2017  11am–4pm

**WHERE** St Francis Xavier College, Barnard Circuit, Florey

**COST** $25 family, $10 individual, Tickets available through Eventbrite.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school! I trust you had a nice break where the hustle and bustle of getting organised each morning was a little more relaxed.

**Congratulations**........Sofia G in 3/4B who has been awarded a prize in the ACT Children’s Book Council Story-writing competition. Sofia will receive her prize from renowned and famous Australian author Jackie French.

There are some exciting things happening in the classrooms this term, as each of our classes embark on a new Integrated Unit. These are:

**KY: Celebrations** – students will investigate their own family celebrations, how they are celebrated and their family tree.

**1B: Families past and present** – looking at how families over time have changed and what tells us that the present is different or similar to the past. Students will explore, discuss, analyse and reflect on the similarities and differences between their daily lives and those of their parents and grandparents.

**2Y: Exploring my school, St Vincent’s** – Students will be looking at the history of the school and what it reveals about the past. Research about how changes in technology have affected people’s lives (at home, work, the way we travel, communicate and played in the past) is an important component to this unit of work.

**3-4 classes: Is life the same everywhere?** This unit focuses on developing students’ understanding of the concept of sustainability by exploring the importance of different environments to both people and other living things. Students’ mental map of the world and their understanding of place are further developed through learning the location of major countries in South America and Africa and their types of natural vegetation and native animals.

**Y5 classes: Sustaining our future** – Students will investigate the ways energy sources influence human life, the ways that energy sources affect the environment and how we choose our energy sources in the places we live. The students will critically reflect on these questions and communicate their understanding in a description about how they would best power a town or suburb.

**6B: Coffee, Cakes and Commerce** - Students will plan, design and create their own café. Using real life business properties, advertising and plans for inspiration, the children will design advertising, plan layouts and calculate start-up costs for their own café. Each café will be as individual as each other. At the end of the unit a staffed, operational café will be formed for visitor’s enjoyment.

With best wishes,
Lisa
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**AWARDS**

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Julia L, Olivia R
YEAR 1 BLUE: Christopher N, Lucas K
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Jasmin H, Sienna R
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Tahlia T, Deng A
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Tera L, Taneisha P
YEAR 5 BLUE: Ruby A, Sharadda S
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Lara D, Sean’Hope C
YEAR 6 BLUE: Delany C, Vienna G

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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

‘You are Called…’

Jesus said to them, “Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.” At once they left their nets and went with him.
(Matthew 4:19-20)

St Vincent de Paul Feast Day

On the final day of Term 3 we gathered as a school community to celebrate the work of our patron Saint, St Vincent de Paul. Father Lolei led us at a whole school Mass, it was a wonderful and reverent celebration. After the morning break the school community gathered to celebrate the special talents of some of our children in our ‘St Vincent’s Got Talent’ show. This was a fantastic showcase of the many and varied talents that the children at St Vincent’s have. Thank you to all who joined us at Mass and the talent show, we hope you enjoyed the feast day events as much as we did.

Important Dates - Term 4

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass, this Sunday, 15 October in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN

Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s Special is: Chicken Caesar Salad-$4.00 (paper bag orders only)
Next week’s (19 Oct) Special is: Greek Salad-$4.00

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PLEASE NOTE: Reminder that all orders made through Flexischools are due on WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM.
**Gregory Irish Dance Academy**

NEW DANCERS WELCOME!

Aranda Dance Studio
ARANDA SCOUT HALL
next to Aranda Sport Field
Bring a Friend for Free Week!

Tuesday, 17 October at 3.30pm
Thursday, 19 October at 4.00pm
Saturday, 21 October at 10.30am

& Performance by our 2017 National Team
- join the free class or just come to see some fabulous dancing!

Or Enrol for Term 4 Now and take advantage of your free class!

REGISTRATION for BFFW essential by Friday, 13 October –
LIZ 0419225195 or CLARE 0424209258
Or Email lgida52@hotmail.com

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**Try Tennis Hot Shots or Book in for a Spring Term 4 Coaching Program**

- Play with Tennis Australia Hot Shots & Junior Development Coaches
- All abilities welcome
- Ages 6 - 16
- All new students to Tennis Canberra will receive a FREE tennis racquet
- Our Partner School Students Receive Season Discounts
- Free Trial Sessions (Week 1 - 3)
- 8 venues to choose from

Web Bookings:
- Email: play@tenniscanberra.com.au
- Phone: 0416 186 121

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**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2017 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

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**THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE**

Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 3 week period. This course is suitable for parents of children aged 10-18 years.

Bookings are essential please contact 1800 068 698 free call

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**Wests Hockey**

Term 4 After School Hockey Sessions

Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm
Weetangera School – turf pitch

Wests is your local Belconnen Hockey Club – come and try hockey!

U10 (Hook in2 Hockey) – Wednesday after school at Weetangera Primary (Turf Pitch) from October 18th to November 23rd, $60 fee. Hook in2 Hockey is modified hockey with 45 minutes coaching followed by mini games. Please bring a stick (we will have some spares), shin guards and mouthguard.

For more information please visit the Wests Hockey Club facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/westshockeycanberra/](https://www.facebook.com/westshockeycanberra/)

Or contact Lynne Whitehead (Junior Co-ordinator) on email lynne.whitehead@anu.edu.au