FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

Catholic schools are privileged places. They provide a unique and special place where children and their families are able to grow and flourish in a faith-filled learning environment.

At St Vincent’s we have an outstanding reputation for providing a high standard of teaching and learning. This is due to our wonderful teachers, students and your support as parents. It is our community that makes the difference.

My appreciation and thanks to you as parents, for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and time.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children. May you enjoy “family time” during the holidays, treasure each moment, as each day is a gift from God.

Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Lina

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13 April
Last Day Term 1

Monday 30 April
First Day Term 2
Student to return in winter uniform

Monday 30 April—Friday 18 May
Enrolment Period

Thursday 3 May
Parent Reading Workshop 9am
Parent Reading Workshop 6.30pm

Sunday 6 May
Working Bee 10am

Wednesday 9 May
OPEN DAY 9am-11am and 4pm-6pm

Friday 11 May
Mother’s Day Breakfast 7.45am

PARISH OF ST MATTHEW’S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL WEEKEND MASS TIMES

From 8 April
Sunday-10am
Tuesday-5.30pm
Thursday-9.30am
Parish: 6251 1525
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear St Vincent’s families and friends,

As we move into the school holidays, no doubt everyone in the household is looking for some down time from school and homework, but keep in mind that there's no reason why they can't keep their thinking sharp and have fun while doing it! Learning doesn't have to mean sitting at a table doing school work for a set amount of time each day, you can easily ‘sneak’ learning into your daily holiday activities. This week your child/ren will be bringing home an overview of what their class will be learning about next term. There are some suggestions in the overview for holiday activities that match this learning.

James Nottingham, from Challenging Learning, suggests that students should be given opportunities to preview what is coming up and there should be no surprises. When students are allowed to preview, they are better prepared for what is coming up. They may feel more confident about participating in, contributing to and completing the learning and teaching activities their teacher has given them.

Here are the Inquiry Units for next term and some potential ‘fun’ holiday learning for your child/ren!

**Kindergarten – “K-Mapped”** Take out some maps that you have at home, go on a treasure hunt with your child and map the backyard with them, draw a birds eye picture of what their bedroom looks like. Take a look at your house, Grandma’s house or the school using Google Earth.

**Year 1 – “Oh the places you’ll go”** Visit a variety of different playgrounds, how are they designed? what natural and man-made features exist? Take some photos of places that you visit during the holidays and identify whether they are natural, man-made or managed (managed is a public place that where someone is paid to look after it)

**Year 2 – “The world around us”** Are there some personal connections to other continents or countries your family has? Take out an atlas or map of the world to identify these. Have you lived in or travelled to another country before? What was it like? Do you have some photos your child can bring in to share?

**Year 3 & 4 – “All Homes–Does where you live, influence how you live?”** Talk to them about the different places in the world you have visited or lived. What was the house like? How is it different to where you live now? Take a look at the type of heating and cooling that exists in your own home. Gas, Electric, Fire? What type of oven / cooktop do you have? Talk about Google homes and how technology has changed inside homes.

**Year 5 – “History, Herstory, OzStory”** Does your family have a link to Early Australian Settlement? Is there a convict you might be related to? Is anyone going to Sydney these holidays? If so a visit to “The Rocks” could be a place of interest!

**Year 6 – “Tales from a Suitcase”** Talk to your child about any memories/experiences you have of historical events that have helped to shape our nation. If you are looking for an outing, you could visit Old or New Parliament House. Discuss and explore any stories of migration to Australia in your family or interview a friend or a neighbour about a migration story

There are also many activities that may be of interest to your child advertised over the holidays in the Canberra Times or Chronicle as well as the ‘What’s Happening’ booklet that was sent home in the last couple of weeks.

Wishing every single family a very happy and safe holiday break. See you for an action packed term 2

With best wishes always,

Lisa

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**AWARDS**

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER YELLOW:** Millie B, Angel K, Adrienne M

**YEAR 1 BLUE:** Amon K, Eden L, Jewel J, Harriet B

**YEAR 2 YELLOW:** Oliver H, Jayla M, Jivin P, Hannah M

**YEAR 3 BLUE:** Aarav G, Imogen H, Jessica M

**YEAR 4 YELLOW:** Grace L, Ayen A, Sheran M, Olivia T,

**YEAR 5 BLUE:** Patrick B, Edward H

**YEAR 6 YELLOW:** Emma L, Kiera B, Will H

**YEAR 6 BLUE:** James H, George B, Gwen H

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week and throughout the school holidays:

Ayen A, Hannah M, Ella R, Flynn R,
Tara S, Charlotte N, Gwen H
This morning during our Staff Prayer gathering we reflected on what it means to be grateful for the simple things, the everyday occurrences that can often pass us by. This was our focus, because too often in the busyness of our lives we can forget to take time to reflect on and be grateful for the many blessings we do have.

This term has presented many wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate the blessings in the life of our St Vincent’s family – our beautiful and reverent Holy Week reflections, the wonderful work of the children presented at the Showcases, our sporting carnivals and of course the everyday joys of working with the wonderful children at St Vincent’s.

**Important Dates – Term 2**

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

**CANTEEN**

This week’s Special is: Creamy Chicken Pasta Salad-$4.00

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ST VINCENT’S SPORT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
ACT School Sport Trials
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/](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 Belconnen Soccer Trials
- ACT 12/U Boys Soccer
- Boys 12/U Belconnen Touch trials
- Girls 12/U Belconnen Netball Trials

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Ribbons for the Athletics Carnival will be handed out in Term Two (Date to be advised)

SOCCER CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the three St Vincent’s teams that participated in the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival last Sunday. Thank you to the parents who coached and managed the teams. From all accounts it was a great day and the children had fun playing with their peers against other catholic schools.

Angela Luchetti
Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher
To all our beautiful mothers

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR OUR

**Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall**

Friday 11 May from 7.45am

An invitation and RSVP for numbers will go home to all families in Week 1 of Term 2.

*May we come together and celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our St Vincent’s community.*
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coles Sports for Schools program. We have been able to fill 12 large post bags with all the vouchers collected. Our wish list of sports equipment is growing as the vouchers are being counted.