FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

As we come to the end of yet another very busy term, it is an opportunity for me to acknowledge and thank the staff and students for their hard work and for the commitment to learning that is happening across the school. It is very exciting to hear and see the wonderful work that the students are producing and the learning gains that many have made. I hope that you have found the Parent-Teacher-Student interviews informative and worthwhile and I thank the teachers for their availability. Teachers recognise the importance of the reporting process and I thank the many parents who have passed by my office over the past three days to express their appreciation for the work our teachers do.

I hope that the end of semester report and the time with your child and their teacher has given you a very clear picture of how your child is travelling this year. Congratulations to all students for their enthusiasm for learning and their conscientious effort this term.

So much has been achieved this term….Mothers’ Day breakfast, cross country carnival, NAPLAN, liturgies and Masses, First Reconciliation services, Open Day and Enrolment Period, ICAS tests, interschool coding day, Rostrum, Bushdance, Walk to school day, ACU and UC prac students, excursions, various ACT and BSSA events, Fun Food Day, Reporting and Interviews, as well as our core business of teaching and learning. No wonder your children and their teachers are feeling weary.

What wonderful parental support we have also received. Thankyou to all the parents and grandparents who have offered their assistance this term – in the classroom, canteen, on excursions, working bees, Mother’s Day breakfast, bike riding, inter-school coding day, clothing pool, making meals, SCC meetings, Family Bushdance, Reconciliation preparation and celebration, Club4Kids, School Open Day support etc …. You make such a difference and we cannot operate without your support. Thankyou so very much.

Wishing everyone well for the holiday period, thanking you for your ongoing support for St Vincent’s this year and looking forward to the challenges and joys that Term 3 will inevitably bring. May you enjoy ‘family time’ during the holidays, treasure each moment, and stay warm.

Lina Vigliotta

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Next term, we welcome Ms Anna Zaja back to St Vincent’s after a period of leave. Anna will return to St Vincent’s as class teacher of 5 Blue. We thank Charlotte Fitzpatrick who has covered Anna’s absence as teacher of 5 Blue for Semester 1 of this school year. Charlotte will remain at St Vincent’s in a part time capacity as executive relief for Luke Maher (REC) in 5Y and in Years 3/4B and 3/4Y (Sport/Health) on an alternate fortnight.

School Fees are now well overdue. Many thanks to all the families who have settled their accounts or who have come to meet with me to discuss their fees. Just as families need to pay their gas, electricity and other expenses, St Vincent’s does too. We cannot afford to carry debt. We are put into a very difficult situation when a phone call must be made to families with outstanding fees. If you have overlooked or misplaced your fee invoice, please contact Nicole as a matter of urgency to settle your account.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to join us for an informative, engaging presentation on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Lisa Donaldson from Feed Inc will be coming to St Vincent’s to present an interactive workshop for parents that focuses on simple, cost effective ways to eat more healthily at home, including topics such as:

- Healthy lunchboxes
- Balanced meals
- Healthy snacks

When: THURSDAY, 27 July
Time: 2.30pm
Where: School Library

Please email office.svdp@cg.catholic.edu.au

We hope to see you there
Fresh Taste Team
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As the end of another successful term closes, it’s timely to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened here at St Vincent’s. This term parents, teachers and students from our community have participated in, launched, mentored, completed or finished the many events on our calendar!

I believe that the right hand side of the following diagram illustrates Term Two at St Vincent’s. Messy, fun, lots of different things happening at once but the achievement of desired visions and planned goals! All of these events require careful planning, time and dedication in order for them to be successful. Thank you to everyone, it is you who makes our school the success it is!

Have a wonderful term break. For those who are travelling, return to us safely. For those who are going to stay at home in their pyjamas, enjoy the warmth and TV binge! For those who have to work, I hope that you still get to enjoy some of this time with your children. For those of us who would love to go skiing, say a prayer to the snow God for a mega dump!

Happy Holidays,
Lisa
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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Emily H, Luke I
YEAR 1 BLUE: Zara M, Emily M
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Jasmin H, Jessica M
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Bob S, Deng A, Jonathan R
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Janani B, William T, Kuer D
YEAR 5 BLUE: Aniketh B, Keira B, Lottie D
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Josie A, Lara D
YEAR 6 BLUE: Aliei, A Verity S

Vinnie’s Voices will be performing after assembly tomorrow.

BIRTHDAYS

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

‘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)

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony

Tomorrow morning at our weekly assembly we will welcome Miss Jaime-Lee Walker from the St Vincent de Paul Society to commission our 2017 Mini-Vinnies team.

We are very excited to be involved in the Mini-Vinnies program and are looking forward to all the wonderful opportunities for outreach and social justice awareness that it will present to our whole community.

Next term, the Mini Vinnies team will be leading our Winter Woollies program in the first weeks of term and also beginning our drive for non-perishable food items to support the Aranda St Vincent de Paul Conference. We will be sharing more information about these initiatives next term.

We look forward to our Commissioning Ceremony tomorrow and getting started with our work.

Sacramental News

Information has been distributed to the Year 3 children in regards to First Eucharist for 2017. Important dates are below:

Parent Information Night - Thursday 20 July - 6pm - All enrolment information and forms will be distributed at this important session.
First Eucharist Enrolment and Commitment Mass - Sunday 23 July
First Eucharist Retreat Day - Wednesday 13 September
First Eucharist Mass - Sunday 17 September

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Peace and best wishes,

Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass, this Sunday, 2 July in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN

Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This Week’s Specials are: Vegetable Soup-$1.00
Fried Rice-$4.00

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On the 16th of June, Year 6 students from Mother Teresa and St Monica’s Primary, joined Year 6 at St Vincent’s for an awesome Code Day.

When we arrived the school the hall was transformed into what looked like a very important event. This made us feel like we were being treated to a special day and that we were very important.

We were treated to guest speakers from St Francis Xavier College (Nyibango and Shiris), who also joined us to help with the coding fun and Mr Robert Gerrard (Angela, Lachlan and James’ Dad), who came and talked to us about careers in Information Technology and how he got into coding and programming.

Throughout the day we all took part in three sessions that focused on various elements of coding, programming and STEM initiatives.

The first session was all about programming our mBots. There were two problems to solve, one being the mBot maze and the other finding the fastest route to the bottle. This activity tested our coding skills as we needed to check and re check all our codes to make sure our mBots worked the way we needed them too.

The second session focused on problem solving, persevering and working in a team as we designed and built our own Rube Goldberg machine with the aim to pop balloons.

The final session was held in the computer lab. We were encouraged to develop our video game building skills as we planned, prepared and played our own games using Scratch Coding and GameStar Mechanic.

At the end of the day many parents came to see our STEM creations. We were also treated to a special show bag that had brand new Edison robots for us to take home and program ourselves.

The day was a great day and we really enjoyed working with the other schools and collaborating with them to achieve our goals in coding, programming and designing.

We would like to thank Mr Beattie for making the day a success and helping us pursue our Information Communications and Learning Technologies understandings and skills.

We would also like to thank Mr Chris Beerworth and Mrs Monika Richards for also helping run sessions on the day and the Catholic Education Office for our Edison Robot gifts.

We asked some of the Year 6 students at St Vincent’s, what they thought about the day, this is how they replied.

**Matilda:** “It was interesting and challenging, it was nice to be able to express my imagination through coding”.

**Lucca:** “It was fun and we got to spend a lot of time coding and using the Mbots”.

**Harini:** “It was exciting and it was exciting spending time with the students from the other schools”.

Written by Maria Georgiadis and Angela Gerrard.
What can make more time?

It was one of those mornings. I hadn’t slept well, it was minus 2 when we left for the school run and we were running late for the three way conversation. In amongst this bustle I remembered there was going to be a presentation on Christian meditation at 9am at the school. Perhaps there would be an opportunity to rest my eyes?

Well yes I did get an opportunity to “rest” my eyes but more importantly, I got the opportunity to hear about and experience Christian meditation. Did you know there’s a long historical practice of Christian meditation? Did you know it is actually a simple practice that we can use at any time or place? What really grabbed me was the idea that Christian meditation could actually make more time in my day for the things that I value most by helping me to be in a calmer, more centred, Christ focused space.

Our fabulous RE Coordinator Luke, will be running the session again next term and I’d encourage anyone who would like an experience of more time to come along.

Jane Carmody (mum of Harry in Year 6)

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:** 26 July – 6 December 2017  
**Where:** St Vincent’s Primary School  
**Day and Time:** Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm

**Who:** young artists in grades 2 - 6 (must be at least 7 years old to participate)

Enrolments are now open! For more information and to enrol visit [www.cytc.net/workshops](http://www.cytc.net/workshops)

Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy

New Dance Class : Gungahlin Birralee Scout Hall

Saturdays 10am Term 3 and Dance Classes - LGIDA Dance Studio (Aranda)– Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm

First Class only $5.00! Try our holiday classes – Enquire now!

Children are taught dance for fun, fitness and public performances or competitions!

Children learn dancing quickly as we encourage energetic, vibrant and creative movements from the first class!

Children aged 8 – 12 years will progress very quickly with our unique teaching methods!

**You can start anytime during the term! Fees are allocated from your starting date!**

For further enquiries and enrolment info please contact Liz Gregory T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G – 0419 225195  
lgida52@hotmail.com  
FB Page:Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy  

In Term 3, **Years 3 and 4 students** are asked to bring earphones to school. The students will need earphones to access several of the computer sites in our lessons. Students should keep them in their bag or pencil-case.

Thank you,
Susan Ashmore
Librarian
Year 5 Colonial Day - Gossan Hill

The journey was far and long, but as soon as we got there we started to build shelters used for the ‘Gold Rush’ game. You could see the teamwork from everyone, working together making their shelters. There were two steep hills connected by a valley down below, the ‘gold fields’ and ‘hospital’ were up at the top, and ‘the bank’ was right behind the road-like path at the bottom of the valley. There was at least 250 metres of bush until you could see someone building their shelter, just like the 1800’s, except we all shared our land. Building the shelters was easy and fun, since there were already fallen trees and dead branches everywhere which made it easier for everyone.

The ‘Gold Rush’ game started soon after we chose our teams. Then we went up to the gold fields and it began. Everyone had to have at least eight pieces of gold to take it down to the bank. The bushrangers would try and tip you before you made it down to the bank. To help you with that you could hide in the huts we made earlier. There also was a jail. You would get sent to jail if you got tipped by the bushrangers, the bushrangers could get sent to jail too by simply standing out in the open or going into the bank, but that is what it was like back in 1800’s.

We all enjoyed Gossan Hill very much, even though we got dirty and tired in the end.

By Lara D, Linh and Charlotte N