Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

Catholic Schools: Great Learning, Great Communities

This week, our school joins Catholic schools across the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). The theme for CSW is ‘Catholic Schools: Great Learning, Great Communities.’ Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day. We will be celebrating a whole school mass at St Vincent’s Church at 10am on Sunday May 7th and this will be followed by a BYO picnic and sausage sizzle (provided).

Our Open Day is planned for Tuesday May 16 and our Year 6 leaders will be on hand to take visitors, including prospective St Vincent families, around the school and speak to them about the school. Following the classroom visits there will be a morning tea in the staffroom. St Vincent’s has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, School Community Council, clergy, and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in a Christ centred community. Our vision invites all who have an affiliation with St Vincent’s to focus on practising kindness towards others and honouring the school values thus working towards attainment of educational excellence and opportunities. I would welcome parent helpers on Open Day sessions, extending hospitality to others is what we do so well here.

The community of St Vincent’s Parish invite families and friends of St Vincent’s school to a whole school Mass at 10am on SUNDAY MAY 7 followed by a sausage sizzle. Families are invited to a BYO

A sausage sizzle will be provided to supplement your family picnic.

Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you all for your support of St Vincent’s.

Lina Vigliotta
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2018 ENROLMENT PERIOD

Catholic Schools Enrolment Period is from Monday 1 May – Friday 19 May 2017. 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 now ready for collection. Existing families seeking enrolment for Kinder 2018 will need to submit an application.

Our Open Day will be on Tuesday 16 May 9.30am – 11am and from 4 – 6pm.

NAPLAN TESTING WEEK

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests. If your child will be away from school during this time could you please notify your child’s teacher ASAP. We wish all students sitting these assessments all the very best.

SCHOOL BAND

School Band commences next week. Current band students will have re-rehearsal on Friday’s from 2:30-3:10. Students who currently play an instrument and would like to join the band are invited to come to an audition on Friday May 12 at 2pm.
Band lessons will take place in the Music Room.

WORKING BEE THANKYOU

We were blessed with a glorious Canberra Autumn day on Sunday for our first Working Bee of the year. With over 50 helpers we were able to achieve all jobs. A huge thankyou to Leanne Dann for coordination of the day. The sausage sizzle and drinks at the end of the morning were a welcome treat for all.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Thu and Chris Roberts on the birth of daughter Macey born 22 April. Big sisters Lily(1Blue) and Annabel are very proud and excited to share the news with our community.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST and STALL

All mothers, grandmothers and carers are invited to come along with your family to celebrate on Friday 12 May 7.45 – 8.45am. Along with a light breakfast being provided by the SCC, the children are creating some beautiful artwork which will be on display in the hall.

If your family can join us please fill in the rsvp slip below and return it to school by Wednesday 10 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 2017

On Friday 12 May our children will have an opportunity to purchase a very well priced gift for their mum, nonna, gran, stepmum or mama. Gifts are priced at $2, $4 and $6 and with over 400 items available there are plenty to go around.

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 at each price point, visit the St Vincent's Primary School Community Council Facebook page (@stvincentsprimaryschoolcommunitycouncil)

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MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST RSVP

Family Name:..........................................................................................................................

Numbers attending breakfast .................(adults) .................................(children)

I am able to help : YES / NO

or email office.svdp@catholic.edu.au
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BOOK CASTLE

I cannot thank you enough for your enthusiasm and donations towards the building of the St Vincent’s book castle. I am pleased to share with you the final product! Of course we are still willing to accept book donations and we are in desperate need of ‘Hot Reads’ for our Years 5 and 6 classes.

NAPLAN

Next week, students in years 3 & 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) the timetable for the assessments is as follows:

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Yr 3: 40 min  
Yr 5: 40 min | Reading  
Yr 3: 45 min  
Yr 5: 50 min | Numeracy  
Yr 3: 45 min  
Yr 5: 50 min | Catch-up tests permitted |
| 2       | Writing  
Yr 3: 40 min  
Yr 5: 40 min |                   |                 |               |

With best wishes always,
Lisa
lisa.harris@cg.catholic.edu.au

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards
KINDER YELLOW: Luke I, Evie S
YEAR 1 BLUE: Jennifer T, William T
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Melvin S, Imogen H
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Angus P, Sheran M
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Bronson M, Max R
YEAR 5 BLUE: Ella K, Amelia G
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Patrick M, Jemma M
YEAR 6 BLUE: Sienna P, Alizzandra T

BIRTHDAYS

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

Taneisha P
‘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)

Catholic Schools Week

This week is Catholic Schools Week, a special time in the year when we celebrate Catholic Schools, especially our own school St Vincent’s.

We invite you to pray the following prayer together as a family, taking the opportunity to give thanks for our special school community.

**Lord Jesus,**

*You came among us as teacher, to reveal to us the Father’s endless love and mercy.*

*Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom,*

*seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.*

*MAY OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO BE PLACES OF BELONGING AND SOURCES OF HOPE AND ENTUSIASM FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES.*

*MAY THE WORK OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SPIRIT.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord,*

**Amen.**

Reconciliation Commitment Mass

On Sunday the children who will be participating in the Reconciliation program will make their commitment at Mass. The parents of these children and the parishioners will also make a commitment to support, guide and pray for these children during this time.

If your child will be making their commitment this Sunday, please remember to bring along

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**CANTOEN**

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

*The week’s soup will be Minestrone Soup-$1*

*This week’s special is Butter Chicken with Jasmine Rice- $4*
During Term One 3/4 Blue learnt about sustainable materials. They designed plans of sustainable houses, including inside features and the garden. They then built models of their plans.

This Term we are learning about the Life Cycle of Flowering Plants. We will be planting seeds and seedlings in our school vegetable garden.
Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival is on tomorrow Friday, 5 May 9.15 – 11am. Our students are encouraged to do their best by running the whole distance or combining running with fast walking. Thankyou to our pre-service teachers who are stepping up in terms of organisation and are helping to run the morning. We can’t wait to see our Kindies do their first X-C, where they will run around to the cheering and encouragement of the rest of St Vincent’s. It will be such fun and a great way to start our day.

9.20am: Kindergarten = 500 m  9:30am: 8 year olds = 1km
9.40am: 11 year olds = 3km   10.00am: 12 year olds = 3km

10.20am: 9 year olds = 1.5km  10.30am: Year 1 = 600m
10.40am: 10 year olds = 2km

ACT Swimming

Congratulations to Escha L (Yr 6) and Indy P (Yr 4) who competed at the ACT Swimming last Monday. We are very proud of you and know that your fine results are from having a ‘doing my best’ attitude.

Belconnen Zone Sport:

Touch Football

An amazing result for our students who trialled for the Belconnen Zone Touch Football. The following students have made it through and will participate against other zones on the 18 May.

Girls: Sean’Hope C, Ella R, Ella K, Lara D, Josie A, Ruby A and Charlotte N
Boys: Harry M and Flynn R

AFL

Flynn R is showing what a talented sportsperson his is and has also made it to the Belconnen Zone AFL team. Well done Flynn.

Rugby League

Congratulations to Riley B - we wish you well for your Zone Carnival being held today.

Lyn Hellyer
LGIDA Dance Studio (Aranda Scout Hall)

Beginner Dance Classes-Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm

BOYS AND GIRLS from age of 4 years Your first lesson is free!

Learn to Irish Dance like Emma from the Wiggles!

Children are dance for fun, fitness and public performances and competitions

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

For further enquiries please contact Liz Gregory T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G –

Phone: 0419 225195 Email: lgida52@hotmail.com

BELCONNEN BUS STATION CLOSED

Please be advised that the Westfield Belconnen Bus Station will be closed from Thursday 4 May 2017 to Thursday 11 May 2017, inclusive. This is due to construction works taking place on the platforms.

During this time we are asking students to use the Belconnen Community Station. A map of the station, including platform and service departure information can be found on the Transport Canberra website.

Once again we ask for your assistance to circulate this information to parents and students.

Access to the Westfield Shopping Centre will remain as normal. Transport Canberra customer services staff will be at the platforms from Monday – Wednesday to assist students with finding their correct service.

For more information please call 13 17 10.
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 15TH MAY 2017 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill.

The course is 3 hours per week over a 3 week period. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive, to what is considered “low” levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) all day for a few months and so End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools.

Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.

Why Hats Off Day?

Being SunSmart is all about being "smart" when spending time outdoors in the sun, this includes having an understanding around the balance required between UV exposure, sun protection and vitamin D.

During the summer period, maintaining vitamin D levels should be relatively easy for children who are active and spend time outdoors most days of the week, even with sensible sun protection.

The fact is that your body should be able to store your summer vitamin D levels over the winter period, however by leaving your hat off during this low UV period and getting some winter sun exposure to your skin you can assist with its vitamin D production to maintain adequate levels built up over the summer period.

Winter Sun Exposure

In winter, by exposing some skin most days of the week during the middle of the day (when UVB will be present), students and workers should be able to maintain the bulk of their summer vitamin D.

At St Vincent’s we support the End of May is Hats Off Day initiative from the ACT Cancer Council. Students continue to be welcome to wear a navy blue beanie if they would prefer.
ACT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & EARLY LEARNING CENTRES ENROLLING NOW 1-19 MAY

VISIT ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: GREAT LEARNING, GREAT COMMUNITIES
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—13 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 15th, 22nd & 29th May 2017
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
Fee: $100 (concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact
1800 068 698
Free Call
SCHOOLS DAY OUT

RAIDERS VS ROOSTERS
SUN 28TH MAY
4PM KICKOFF

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