FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Community Council Report

As I write, my arm weighed down with a sparkly bracelet, I am reflecting on how marvellous it is to keep my hair dry with a floral shower cap and to perfume my skin with a bottle of rose-scented Lux. I’m looking forward to eating a decorative bowl-full of chocolates in the flickering light of a scented soy candle in a teacup. Yes, Mother’s Day 2018 (MD18) produced a record haul of thoughtful gifts (thank you Helen Walker, curator of a boutique range of exquisite MD items for the magic price of $5 each) and expressive artworks.

What MD18 also produced was an inspiring sense of belonging and shared purpose. From the skilled group of pancake flippers at the MD18 breakfast last Friday (thanks Amanda Phillips for staging such a happy event), to the roll call of students browsing for the perfect gift, the day was a tribute to what we strive to be as community. As one mother answered when I remarked on the slightly toasty colour of her pancake, ‘Yes, but this pancake was made with love’.

MD18 raised over $800 for St Vincent’s. It’s not an amount that we take for granted and the School Community Council will consider carefully when directing it towards a need within the school. Similarly with the money raised from any of our activities, it goes back to the school as quickly and effectively as possible. This means that the places where our children play, learn and share can continue to be not just maintained, but improved.

As I admire my bracelet, and reach for a chocolate, I think we have the balance right. While we might sometimes come together with the purpose of raising money, we always come together with the purpose of creating community. It’s a rare thing and a good one; and worth preserving.

So, let’s do it all again in Week 7 when we get out the glow sticks and bust a move at our Term 2 Disco!

Justine Molony.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Friday morning’s, breakfast for mums, grandmothers and families was an outstanding success. The pancakes, toppings, fruit and tea/coffee were delicious. Thank you to Amanda and Davin Phillips for coordinating the breakfast. To the number of dads who came to help and the mums who also cooked. Next year we aim to have the entire Mother’s Day breakfast prepared, cooked and served by our talented dads. Won’t that be grand!

Once again we had the best Mother’s Day Stall with quality gifts for all our mums. Thank you to coordinator Helen Walker and her helpers for sharing their love for shopping with us all.
Catholic Schools Enrolment Period has begun and continues through to Friday 25 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.

**Enrolling Now!**

Enrolment Period
7—25 May

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**CELEBRATE CANTEEN WEEK**

There was much excitement on Tuesday after the children had read the new Canteen Menu on the first edition of Vinnie’s Connections. The new canteen menu is set to come ‘live’ on flexischools next week. This menu was a collaborative project between the Parent canteen/FreshTaste committee (Bronwyn Smith, Angela Luchetti, Martin Baggot and Lina Vigliotta) and in consultation with our Health and Wellbeing school leaders.

This week is Celebrate Canteen Week and we wish to extend our gratitude to Bronwyn for her dedication to our school canteen. We are very fortunate to have a canteen manager whose ethic and drive ensures that all our children are fed well and happy with food options. We all love Bronwyn’s cooking and look forward to the Specials of the Week she treats us too.

**WINYU—ATHLETICS SHIELD WINNERS 2018**

CONGRATULATIONS WINYU!

2018 winners of the Damien Burroughs Athletics Shield. The Winyu captains wish to thank every team member for doing their very best on carnival day and bringing the shield ‘back home to Winyu’.

Give me a W... I... N... Y... U WINYU!
Dear Families and Friends,

How has your week been? I’m finding it hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year, time flies by so quickly when there is so much on!

**James Nottingham – Challenging Learning**


**St Vincent’s Facebook page** - Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!

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

**AWARDS**

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER YELLOW**: Adrienne M, Joseph S, Leilani H
**YEAR 1 BLUE**: Eden L, Paul R, Lily Mae C,
**YEAR 2 YELLOW**: Lily R, Hannah M,
**YEAR 3 BLUE**: Sam W, Jasmin H,
**YEAR 4 YELLOW**: Simon R, Olivia T, Olive H
**YEAR 5 BLUE**: Kuer D, Jonathan R
**YEAR 6 YELLOW**: Sophie H, Lara D
**YEAR 6 BLUE**: Jemma M, Noor K

**BIRTHDAYS**

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

Achuil A, Evelyn W, Lara D, Peter F, Pearl P
This weekend we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This important feast concludes the season of Easter.

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity — God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was sent to empower the disciples to share God’s love with others after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit is present with us today for that same purpose — to be a source of inspiration, comfort, and an advocate on our faith journey. (Busted Halo, 2014)

The celebration of Pentecost has fallen at a perfect time for our Yr 6 and Parish Confirmation candidates who this weekend will make a commitment, with their families, to enter into the Confirmation preparation program. We ask for the prayers and blessings of our school community on these children and their families during this special time. ‘Come Holy Spirit, be their helper and their guide’

Important Dates - Term 2

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher

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**CANTEEN**


This week’s Special is: Chicken Fried Rice-$4.00

Pumpkin and Lentil Soup: $1.00

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**St Vincent’s Sport**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Belconnen PSSA Cross Country Carnival- Thursday 31st May 2018**

Notes for Belconnen PSSA been given to the top five place getters in each age group. Thank you to the students who have notified me already that they are unable to attend this carnival. Please return permission notes by the 18th May.

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)**

- 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
- ACT 12/U Golf
- Girls U/12 Touch Football Trials

Congratulations to Mia Kelly, Daisy Craig, Ella Kelly, Shaun Hope Craig, Ella Randall, Charlotte Newton, Josie and Ruby Anderson on their selection in the Belconnen U/12 Girls Touch Football team. Fantastic to see so many St Vincent’s girls making the zone team.

Angela Luchetti,
Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher

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**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!