FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

‘If I’m wobbling I’m learning’ James Nottingham.

It is always great to avail oneself of the opportunity to engage in some first class professional learning and listen to someone with an inspiring message. Such was the case last Thursday for myself and every one of our classroom teachers, joined by over 200 staff from across our Archdiocese schools when we gathered to listen to James Nottingham. Our leadership team (Luke, Lisa and myself) had the opportunity to listen to James in Sydney last year so it was wonderful to be able to send our teachers to this invaluable learning opportunity.

James’ presentation was peppered throughout with little nuggets of wisdom like the quotation above that reminds us about fostering a growth mindset in students by recognising and valuing progress over achievement. It’s not the grade that counts but more the student’s attitude and preparedness to work through challenges that will lead to long term success.

Developing a culture where students openly learn from their mistakes is something that James highlighted and an important part of our work at St Vincent’s. He explained that through giving the children challenges we hope that they will end up in the Learning Pit. By this we mean that they will struggle and therefore develop the attitudes needed to find solutions, persevere and develop the characteristics of effective learning. The children are learning it is OK to ‘wobble’. As you walk around the school look out for the Learning Pits on our walls. It’s OK to fall in!

This time away from school engaging in professional learning is time well spent. I’m pleased to say the messages have been affirming and will lead to many positive changes for our children. Our school is definitely on course to show how proving is good and improving is better!

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

Lina Vigliotta

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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

LOCKDOWN DRILL
On Tuesday we held a lockdown drill during the afternoon. We will have another practice later this term, where the children will be out at play. If your child has shown any distress about this or other safety drills please don’t hesitate to talk to your child’s class teacher or one of the leadership team. We endeavour to make sure these events are not too stressful, as they are a necessary part of safe school operation.

NEW CANTEEN MENU STARTS TOMORROW
Many thanks to Bronwyn for all the background work that has gone into ensuring the new canteen menu is ready for ordering. We have no doubt it will be a very busy day in the canteen tomorrow any extra pair of helping hands are always welcome. The future of our canteen depends on your support.

A MESSAGE FROM CANCER COUNCIL ACT
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.

RECONCILIATION DAY - MONDAY 28 MAY
From 2018 onwards, Reconciliation Day in the Australian Capital Territory marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week, a 7-day nationwide observance which was first observed in 1996. In the words of Reconciliation Australia, the group that organises the Reconciliation Week, it “aims to give people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.”


The National Reconciliation Week 2018 theme “Don’t make history a mystery” invites Australians to Learn, Share, and Grow – by exploring our past, learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and developing a deeper understanding of our national story. http://www.events.act.gov.au/reconciliationday
Dear Families,

The Learning Zone

When you had a new baby you learned how to care for it, when you enrolled into a Day care, Pre-School or Primary School you learned how the centre or school operates, when you buy a new car, phone or TV you learn how it works, when you enter into a new relationship or friendship you learn things about the other person. Learning is a continuous process; I wonder if it ever ends?!

Each day, week, month or year we may learn something new. How do you feel when you are in the Learning Zone? When you are trying to work something out, solve a problem, need to access a manual, talk to someone else about a topic, get something wrong and have to start again... you are in the ‘Learning Zone’. It is a safe place and one St Vincent’s students enter every single day!

Maths Olympiad and Maths Games Challenge

Yesterday was the first sitting of the Maths Olympiad and Maths Games Challenge. Many of the students who participated in this were in the Learning Zone! Here are the types of questions our Olympiads are presented with, could you solve them?

Brenda wants to purchase a bicycle but is $23 short. Claire wants to purchase the same bicycle but is $25 short. If they combine their money, they will have just enough to buy the bicycle. What is the cost of the bicycle?

(Suggested solving time 4 min)

Some other problems to put you in the Learning Zone..... More of these can be found at www.solveme.edc.org

With best wishes always,
Lisa
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My value is even
My tens digit is equal to my units digit.
The sum of my hundreds digit and my units digit is equal to 17

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Noah M, Lucy N, Jacinta R
YEAR 1 BLUE: Isabella T, Alexander J, Emily M, Sarjak P
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Harriet B, Petra F
YEAR 3 BLUE: Achiik K, Jacob R, Alannah A
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Sheran M, Max R, Grace L
YEAR 5 BLUE: Tara S, Sari T
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Flynn R, Kiera B
YEAR 6 BLUE: Lottie D, Josie A

Due to the Prayer Celebration these awards will be held over to Tuesday's morning assembly.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Eli C, Charlie H
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

‘Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.’
(Psalms 46:10)

Jesus Stills the Storm

Tomorrow we will have our second student led Prayer Celebration for the year. The prayer will be led by 4 Yellow and their focus is the passage from Matthew 8:23-27, Jesus Stills the Storm.

As we continue to explore our whole school focus ‘Be Still and Know’ we remind ourselves of the focus points of our theme – to trust in God and to find peace and rest in, with and through God.

This scripture from Matthew has the theme of trust in God and its core. Michael Fallon (2012) describes the relevance of these events for the first followers of Jesus and for us today.

In the scene before us, Jesus is venturing out into the midst of chaos, and the waves hurl themselves against the boat, seeking to destroy him. Jesus is clearly unafraid. The same cannot be said of his disciples. The scene would have carried a special relevancy for the Christian community at the time Matthew was writing, as it still does wherever there is persecution. Jesus appears not to hear the cry, but the awakened Christ is truly caring, and at his command the forces of evil fall silent.

We have just heard Jesus speak of what it means to be a disciple. Here it becomes clear that it means facing the forces of chaos with him, and doing so in trust.

Please join us tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the Church for our Prayer Celebration. We thank Ms Luchetti and the children of 4 Yellow for all their work and preparation.

Important Dates - Term 2

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

CANTEEN

Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s Special is: Thai Green Chicken Curry (mild) with Rice-$4.00
Minestrone Soup: $1.00

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Yesterday at 11am, St Vincent’s students participated in National Simultaneous Story Time, where students all over Australia and New Zealand enjoy the same book at the same time. This event is held annually by The Australian Library and Information Association and gives students the opportunity to enjoy a book written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator. The book that was picked for 2018 was Hickory Dickory Dash written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood.

Our school was lucky enough to have a group of enthusiastic Year Six students to lead us over the PA system.

Students all over the school enjoying the reading of Hickory Dickory Dash whilst eating their morning snack.
Mental Health Issues and Young People: FREE Parenting Forum

Carers ACT is hosting a unique opportunity for parents, carers and friends to learn how to recognise the warning signs and better understand depression, suicide, eating disorders, deliberate self-harm and other mental health problems in young people.

Mental illness in our youth – often known as the ‘invisible disease’ - is growing at an alarming rate with many parents at a loss on how to deal with it.

The speaker will be Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia’s leading experts in parenting and child and adolescent mental health and founder of CanTeen for teenagers with cancer. Bookings essential.

When: Tues 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

More info: Ph 6296 9900 or email mhcarers@carersact.org.au

Register: through Eventbrite http://bit.ly/2HIqSiy

Cost: free
“Here are our budding chefs at Club 4 Kids”

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Gerrard Family, (James 1 Blue) on the birth yesterday of their new son and brother.
The Journey
THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP – P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7—12.

RAP – P will help you:

- Help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- Help your teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- Manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent
- Prevent and manage conflict with you teenager
- Promote harmony in your family

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: Mondays 18th June, 25th June & 2nd July 2018
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact
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