FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am sure you made great use of the long weekend. With respect to Reconciliation Day I have chosen to share with you the story behind the new National Arboretum’s butterfly garden which tells the story of Ngunawal dreaming.

Mununja the Butterfly is a Dreamtime story of the Ngunawal people that’s been passed through the generations for thousands of years. Mununja the Butterfly is about a young Aboriginal girl who was changed into a butterfly so she could avoid marrying the evil Gunga. He possessed great powers and would always prevent her from marrying the boy she loved. With the help of Naja, the good spirit butterfly, Mununja was able to remain near her family and her country forever as a beautiful butterfly.

The story, told by Ngunawal elder Don Bell, has been captured in the butterfly-shaped Indigenous garden.

A number of classes have excursions booked to the Arboretum over the next few weeks and will visit the garden as an educational tool to share Aboriginal culture, especially local Ngunawal culture.

www.abc.net.au/news/2018-05-26/mununja-butterfly...reconciliation/9637276

On Tuesday morning members from the Faith and Justice Year 6 leadership team led our school in a Reconciliation day prayer. Thankyou to Paddy, Sharadda and Flynn (accompanied by Kalari) for helping our community connect to the meaning of this public holiday.

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

Lina Vigliotta

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HATS OFF

St Vincent’s is a Sun Smart school. During June and July, due to the lower UV levels and in order to produce a good store of Vitamin D, we encourage our students to take their sun hat off during outdoor playtimes. Students may wear a navy beanie outside if they are cold.

STUDENT PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our senior students have been busily preparing and presenting speeches to their peers as part of the Rostrum public speaking competition held across the country annually. Our school final will be held tomorrow during Assembly. Please feel welcome to join us to hear our fine public speakers.

SCC NEWS

Hi Everyone,

You may not have been aware but last week was National Volunteer Week. On the Friday afternoon of National Volunteers Week three of our St Vincent’s family were presented with Certificates of Appreciation by The Honourable Dr Andrew Leigh MP – Member for Fraser in recognition of their contributions as volunteers to the St Vincent’s and wider Belconnen community. Please join me in congratulating Louise Georgiardis, Justine Molony and Wendy Read on their acknowledgements.

Richard SCC Chair

CANTEEN NEWS

A great response to our new canteen menu on its first day last Friday. Many families took the opportunity to try something new on the menu and new options for lunchtime sales were well received. Many thanks to Bronwyn and her team of helpers for meeting the needs of our children and families. It is never too late to help out at the Canteen, please prioritise your contribution to our canteen on your child’s class rostered day.

Keep a look out for the new Fun Food Day flyer coming home tomorrow. Orders need to be in by Friday 8th June.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Next Tuesday all students are invited to come to school wearing green. The Sustainability team are asking students bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to purchase plants for our veggie garden and materials needed to build an arbour to frame our garden.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday June 22nd

Get ready to rock the dance floor with great music and good friends.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear families and friends,

We are halfway through Term Two, the days are getting shorter and the darkness is lasting longer. Winter is coming!! Isn’t it funny how during the long hot days in summer we wish for it to be cooler, then the cooler season arrives and we can’t wait for it to be warm again!

It’s coughs and colds season!

As we enter the colder months, it is inevitable more staff and students will be afflicted with coughs, colds and other ailments. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home where they will be snug and warm and have a better chance at recovering quickly. There is nothing worse than being at school in a classroom with 20+ children when you are not feeling 100%.

Inter-schools Snow Sports Competition

The St Vincent’s Snow Sports team is looking for entrants into the 2017 ACT/Southern NSW Interschool SnowSports Championships. If you are interested in registering your child into the competition, please let me know and I would be happy to provide you with further information. The event takes place in Week 1 of Term 3, Wednesday 25 – Thursday 27 July.

I came across these posters the other day. In our very busy lives it can be hard to find a moment of peace or to allocate time to focus on the things we love.

With best wishes always,
Lisa

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Millie B, Daniel M, Hugo P
YEAR 1 BLUE: Emily H, Amon K, Rohan H
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Grace F, Christopher N
YEAR 3 BLUE: Trinity P, Dakota C, Monica H
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Jude K, Ayen A, Daisy C
YEAR 5 BLUE: Patrick B, Chloe D
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Riley B, Annie W
YEAR 6 BLUE: Sabrina T, Asha C

BIRTHDAYS

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

Daniel L
'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
(Psalm 46:10)

Thank you to the children from 4 Yellow who lead us in prayer last Friday. The theme, 'Jesus Stills the Storm' was carefully considered and prayerfully presented. The students showed an excellent grasp of their scripture passage, incorporating the prayer of Lectio Divina. 4 Yellow taught us that if we trust in God and always have faith, we can be calm and brave when facing the storms in our lives. Thank you 4 Yellow.

Next Friday, 8 June, we will welcome Wesley Raymond from the St Vincent de Paul Society. Wesley will be joining us after our Prayer Celebration for a Commissioning Ceremony for our 2018 Mini Vinnies team. Our Mini Vinnies team has nearly doubled this year and next Friday we will commission 35 students who are passionate about social justice and sharing God’s love with all. We thank these children and congratulate them on their commitment to this team. Please join us for the Prayer Celebration next week and the Commissioning Ceremony.

**Important Dates - Term 2**

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

**CANTEEN**

This week’s Special is: Lasagne with salad-$4.00
Vegetarian Soup: $1.00

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Kinder went on an excursion on Friday 25th May. 23 VERY excited students went to the National Capital Exhibition and Telstra Tower. At the NCE students looked at maps and created their special place. Telstra tower gave us a great view of Canberra.
ST VINCENT’S SPORT

Dates for your Diary

Belconnen PSSA Cross Country Carnival- Thursday 31st May 2018
Good luck to our students who are competing at the Belconnen zone Cross Country today.

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/ if you would like to register your child for trials.

Trials (please check school sports website for more details and registration)
- Boys and Girls 12/U Belconnen Hockey trial
- Boys 12/U Belconnen Basketball trials
- Girls 12/U Belconnen Basketball trials

Belconnen Primary Touch Football Teams
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Belconnen teams for the upcoming Touch Football Gala Day.
Josie A, Ruby A, Daisy C, Sean’ Hope C, Lara D, Ella K, Mia K, Charlotte N and Ella R, Riley B and Joshua N.

Belconnen Primary Girls Netball Team
Congratulations to the following St Vincent’s girls who have been selected in the Belconnen squad for the upcoming netball championships.
Sean’ Hope C, Jemma M, Charlotte N and Sasha S.

Angela Luchetti
Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher

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- Monday - Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Tuesday - Turner Tennis Club
- Wednesday - Barton Tennis Club or Reid Tennis Club
- Thursday - Majura Tennis Club (Dickson)
- Friday - Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
- Saturday - Majura Tennis Club (Dickson) & Old Parliament House Tennis Club

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