FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

We are very excited to join with our nation this week to celebrate SCIENCE WEEK. Our learning dispositions; a learner who collaborates, asks questions, accepts a challenge, is creative and manages mistakes, support the characteristics required for scientific inquiry. This year the theme is ‘Future Earth’ and I thank Charlotte Fitzpatrick and Sam Beattie for sharing their passion for Science and Technology with our students and community.

Tomorrow morning, we launch the CSIRO STEM in Schools National Science Week event and welcome The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, senior CSIRO staff member, Dr Pete Thrall, CSIRO STEM professional Dr Carol Harley and members from Catholic Education. We are very excited to present to students and our community our very own Makerspace. A place where learning happens through making, tinkering, art and engineering real things based on individual’s interest.

Growing Crystals

Paper Rockets

Soap Powered Boats

Anatomy Display

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22 August
Belc Athletics

Wed 23 August
Book Week Dress Up Parade

Friday 25 August
Prayer Celebration
1 Blue

28 August
Literacy/Numeracy Week

Wed 30 August
Fun Food Day

Friday 1 Sept
Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Sunday 3 Sept
Fathers’ Day

Friday 2 Sept
Prayer Celebration
3/4 Yellow

ST VINCENT’S PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil-6pm
Sunday 10am
Parish: 6251 1525
Have you heard the news?

St Vincent’s choir “Vinnies Voices” were awarded the Encouragement award at last Thursday’s Catholic Schools’ Choir Competition held at St John Paul II College. I thank all students for a brilliant performance and representing the school and themselves magnificently. My thanks to Anna Marzano for her belief in our children’s talent. Her drive and spirit in preparing them for this event is commendable. A highlight following the award announcements was to see the judges seek out Anna and comment on the outstanding enthusiasm from all our children. We are all so very proud of you!

School Satisfaction Surveys
Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about our school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on August 21 and close on September 1, 2017 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 21, you can access and complete the survey at the following link.

Parent link
https://www.research.net/r/stvincentsparent2017

The data gathered will assist our school in being more effective, as well as celebrating and affirming the good things that are happening. I encourage all of our parents to participate in the survey. The greater the response rate, the more valid the information will be, and we thank you in anticipation of your participation.

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

Lina Vigliotta
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CANTENE NEWS

Thankyou for ensuring your child’s Friday lunch ordered through flexischools is logged in by the cut off time of 5pm on the Wednesday prior to canteen.

Assistance on a Friday is always welcome and much appreciated. Bronwyn

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST 2017

FRIDAY 1 September 7.30 – 8.45am
Let’s all come together and celebrate all those wonderful fathers in our St Vincent’s community.

To all those fathers, grandfathers and all male role models out there, please come along with your children to our Family Fathers’ Day BREAKFAST.

There will also be the opportunity to have a look through your child/children’s class rooms from 8.40 – 9.00am and enjoy the musical talent of our School Band and School choir.
Congratulations to Ngadyung house, winners of the athletics Shield for 2017!

Congratulations to Mia (Year 3) who was invited to compete in Manly on the weekend for National level 4-6 gymnastics. Mia is National level 4 and had an incredible comp. She won floor, vault and bars, came 2nd on beam and won overall. It is unique to win on more than one apparatus – an impressive result!

Big sister Ella (Year 5) also deserves a mention. After playing 5 games of touch for the 12 & under ACT team in Penrith (winning 4 out of 5 games) she also participated in the gymnastics comp placing 3rd on floor and bars, 6th on vault and 4th overall. Well done Ella!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BOOK FAIR!

Looking forward to the Book Week dress up Parade next Wednesday, 23 August!
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think this week has to be one of the busiest on my calendar! Assumption Mass on Tuesday, the Book Fair, Science Fair, launch of our Makerspace, Catholic Education Support Officer Lora Bance working in classrooms. It is great that there is much excitement around the school right now!

NAPLAN 2017

Tomorrow, Friday 18 August, students in Years 3 & 5 will bring home their NAPLAN results. If you have any questions or you would like to discuss these results. Please make an appointment to see either your child’s class teacher or myself.

Science Week

I hope you get a little giggle out of these puns for Science Week!!!

Book Week

I am looking forward to seeing the students dressed up in our annual Book Week parade next week. All students who come in costume on Wednesday go in the draw to win a brand new book to read, there will be a prize pack for K-2 students, 3-4 students and 5-6 students.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend

Lisa Harris
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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this week's awards

KINDER YELLOW: Connor M, Evie S
YEAR 1 BLUE: Dud C, Ella N
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Dion M, Lily E
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Sari T, Angus P, Olivia T
YEAR 5 BLUE: Leah S, Marcelo F
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Jemma M, Nate C
YEAR 6 BLUE: Vienna G, Lucca P

BIRTHDAYS

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

Farrah B, Janani B
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)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of the Assumption. On this feast of Mary we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother. The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven not only with her soul, but also with her body. The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference determined that, in addition to all the Sundays in the year, the only feast days to be observed in Australia as holy days of obligation are the solemnities of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is a model of faithfulness that we should try to imitate.

Father in heaven,
All creation rightly gives you praise.
For all life and all holiness comes from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
Mary, who bore the Christ in her womb
Was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 3

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Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher, Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH
Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass, this Sunday 20 August in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
Next week’s Specials are: 
Chicken Noodle Soup-$1.00
Nachos -$4.00

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PLEASE NOTE: Reminder that all orders made through Flexischools will be due on WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM.
Road block ahead

Sometimes it is difficult to reach our goals and be successful because we run into a blocker or an obstacle. There are different types of obstacles that can get in our way. It is important to not be put off by obstacles. We need to have a plan to take these road blocks down (overcome obstacles) in order to be successful.

For example, you might set yourself a goal of getting your homework done. Some of the obstacles that might get in your way could include:

- My pencil broke!
- I can’t find my crayons!
- I feel like I can’t do it!
- I’m feeling tired, worried or hungry!
- It’s noisy, other people are distracting me!
- I don’t understand the assignment!
- I’d rather watch TV or play on the computer!

If this happens we need to think about how to knock away these road blocks or jump over these hurdles.

- Be organised (have my pencil sharpened and things I need ready to go).
- Move to a quiet location.
- Ask a friend or adult for help.
- Have a snack and a rest first.
- Use the obstacles as a reward for reaching my goal.
  e.g. If I get my homework done early I can watch my favourite show.

Overcoming obstacles is also about engaging in the right Way of Thinking. An “I Can Do It” Way of Thinking can help us feel positive, overcome discouraging thoughts and find a way to overcome obstacles. A “Working Tough” Way of Thinking helps us with boring or difficult tasks. It means that sometimes we have to do things that are not easy or fun in order to be successful.

ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT

How much do you know about beer?

Our local brew guy, Mr Charlie Newton is hosting the 6th biannual ‘Ale Appreciation Night.’

Parents and friends are invited to come along and be educated about the history and science behind a selection of ales.

We currently have a strong quorum of dedicated members and would welcome any keen St Vincentian to join us!

(This is a not for profit event)

When: Friday, 25 August at 7:00pm
Where: St Vincent’s
Cost: $20 - Includes pizza and beer tastings
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK

Start collecting stickers from Wednesday, 26 July until Tuesday, 19 September.
For every $10 that is spent, you will receive one sticker.
Once your sticker card is full, place it in the collection box in the Front Office.
All sticker sheets will count towards St Vincent’s purchasing school resources from Modern Teaching Aids.
Sticker Sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
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