FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

I trust you enjoyed the longer weekend with your families and the warm autumn days. As I write this our Year 5 students are enjoying their adventures at Camp Cooba with teachers Ms Zaja and Mr Meagher. I thank Anna and Hamish for their care of our children whilst on camp and to their families for generously giving their blessings during their time away from home. The photos later in this newsletter show the FUN the children are having.

During your visit to school this year I hope you have had time to view the Learning Disposition characters in classrooms, front foyer and school corridors. In 2017, staff worked collaboratively to agree upon and depth each disposition with the objective of developing our children’s learning capacity. Our 8 Learning Dispositions need to be shaped and nurtured in our children. A key objective of this philosophy is to ensure that all our children establish transferable skills and competencies that will enable them to face their changing future with confidence. Next time you see your child facing a tricky learning situation I encourage you to harness this and use it as an opportunity to build their learning capacity by referencing some of our Learning Dispositions. The staff of St Vincent’s look forward to growing a community of learners who proactively advance their learning. We pride ourselves in making learning visible. Learning Dispositions help our learners know How am I going? Where am I going? And Where to next?

St Vincent’s Learning Dispositions I am a learner who …

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

Lina Vigliotta

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Tomorrow, we stand united with Australian schools to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. I thank students from the Health and Wellbeing Team who have arranged activities for each class. Please sign the Bullying No Way graffiti poster in the courtyard to show your support against bullying at St Vincent’s.

**FUN FOOD DAY + HARMONY DAY**

Students are very excited about next Wednesday’s Fun Food Day. We are excited to buddy this day with Harmony Day celebrations. The theme this year **Everyone Belongs – Celebrating Cultural Diversity** encourages our children to show pride in their individuality and culture. Like last year (see picture) children are encouraged to come to school in clothing that is representative of their nationality, or wear orange clothing to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

A flyer for the Fun Food Day order went home last week. A reminder that all orders must be in by tomorrow. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

The SCC are again holding an Easter Egg Raffle this year. To help support this fundraising effort we are asking that each child or family makes an Easter Egg donation. This can be given to your class teacher or dropped into the Front Office any time before Tuesday, 27 March. Raffle tickets were sent home on Tuesday. The raffle is scheduled to be drawn at 2pm on Wednesday, 28 March (Week 8). Thank you in advance for your ongoing support in our fundraising ventures.

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Students have been training to be ready for our Cross Country Carnival on Monday. Please send children to school dressed in their sport uniform. The Carnival will run from 9.30 – 11am.

I Thank Angela Luchetti for her organization of the day.
Dear families and friends,

Hopefully the long weekend offered many of you a chance to catch up and recuperate after the business of a very busy beginning to the school year. We are over the hump and halfway through Term 1. With Sabbath Week next week followed by 2 four day weeks, we should make it to the end of term with smiling faces!

BOOK FLOOD—Thank you, thank you and thank you!! For your generous donations to our 2018 book flood. It is delightful to see just how much parents value reading at St Vincent’s. As well as a number of pre-loved books we have also been receiving brand new books to help update the classroom collections. If you would like to know what types of books we are in need of, please come and take a sticky note from the display in the Front Office. Whilst the major call out for books is now, we will happily accept books anytime throughout the year.

ICAS—Tomorrow, Friday 16 March is the absolute final date we can accept enrolments and payment into the ICAS competitions. If you need a note, please come to the Front Office or print one from the Skoolbag App.

IRISH DANCING PERFORMANCE—At tomorrow’s assembly we will be treated to an Irish Dancing performance by Kathleen and Clare from Beattie Bowman Irish Dance. Come along to have a look and talk to the girls about how you can go about enrolment into their classes.

PATIENCE—Do you often find your patience is wearing thin? Especially when you’ve got tired or sick children, you’re tired or sick yourself, your workload is building up and there aren’t enough hours in the day to get things done? Go easy on yourself and remember whilst everyday may not be good; there is something good in everyday!! I came across this passage about patience. It made me giggle, hopefully it makes you giggle a bit too

A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three-year old girl in her trolley. As they passed through the biscuit aisle, the little girl asked for biscuits and her mother told her no. The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss. The mother said quietly, “Now Monica, we just have half of the aisles left to go through; don’t be upset. It won’t be long.”

Soon they came to the lolly aisle, and the little girl began to shout for lollies. And when told she couldn’t have any, began to cry. The mother said, “There, there, Monica, only two more aisles to go, and then we’ll be heading to the check out.”

When they got to the check-out stand, the little girl immediately began to clamour for a Kinder Surprise and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering one would not be purchased. The mother patiently said, “Monica, we’ll be through the check-out in 5 minutes and then you can go home and have a nap.”

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. “I couldn’t help noticing how patient you were with little Monica,” he said. Whereupon the mother said, “I’m Monica . . . my little girl’s name is Tammy.”

Author Unknown

With best wishes always,
Lisa

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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Daniel M, Opal D
YEAR 1 BLUE: Alex J, Olivia R, Evie S
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Grace F, Christopher N
YEAR 3 BLUE: Lily E, Jasmin H, Lucas K
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Max R, Daisy C, Angus P
YEAR 5 BLUE: Maegan C, Alex T
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Ruby A, Amelia G
YEAR 6 BLUE: Sakthi P, Claudia L

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BIRTHDAYS

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

Jennifer T, Indiana P, Leo K
'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'  
(Psalm 46:10)

**Palm Sunday**  
On Palm Sunday (25 March), at St Vincent’s Church 10am Mass, our children and families have been invited to participate in the Procession of the Palms. The children can form a block as part of the procession or stand with their families. We look forward to seeing many of our families at this important beginning of Holy Week.

**Whole School Focus**  
Thank you to the children from Year 6 Yellow who lead us in prayer last Friday. The theme of Silence, Stillness and Simplicity was carefully considered and beautifully presented. The students showed an excellent grasp of their theme and taught us that it is in the silent, still and simple moments of our lives that we can meet God and hear the call to action. Thank you 6 Yellow.

**Holy Week Reflections**  
A reminder that we will be gathering together each day of Holy Week at 12pm for an opportunity for prayer and reflection. All family members and members of the community are invited to join us on these days. Information will be provided in the Week 7 Newsletter about venues for each of the reflections.

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Peace and best wishes,  
Luke Maher  
Religious Education Coordinator

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**Canteen**  
This week’s Special is: Lenten Special-Fish & Salad-$4.00

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The St Vincent’s Cross Country Carnival will take place this coming Monday, 19th March.

Details for the carnival are as follows:

Date: Monday, 19th March 2018
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am
Years: All classes (K-6)
Location: The oval
Uniform: Sports uniform, hat, sunscreen, drink bottle

ACT SCHOOL SPORT

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.

BELCONNEN SWIMMING

Congratulations to the students who qualified for the Belconnen Zone Swimming on Tuesday 27th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Belconnen Zone Swimming- Tuesday, 27th March
School Athletics Carnival- Wednesday, 4th April
Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival- Sunday, 8th April
YEAR 5 CAMP
BELCONNEN CHILDRENS CHOIR
Presented by the Young Music Society
The Choir is open to all primary school children from K-6.
We rehearse on Tuesdays during school terms,
Weeks 2-9 from 4.15-5.15pm in the Music Room at
UC Secondary College Lake Ginninderra, Emu Bank, Belconnen.
No experience is necessary.
Children may sign-up by calling (02) 6258 0200, visit
www.youngmusicsociety.org.au or just turn up!

ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT
Do you want to show off to your friends, family and colleagues about your new found knowledge of beer?
Back for its 4th year is the St Vincent’s Ale Appreciation Night.
Parents and friends are invited to come along and be educated about the history and science behind a selection of ales.
The evening will be hosted by our local brewer extraordinaire Mr Charlie Newton.
(This is a not for profit event)

When: Friday, 23 March at 7:00pm
Where: St Vincent’s
Cost: $30-Includes pizza and beer tastings
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au

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