Dear Parents,
Term One is well and truly underway now and the children and staff are settling into the rhythm of life at St Vincent’s with great enthusiasm. As we continue with the roll out of the Australian National Curriculum, we are engaging in numerous ‘learning conversations’ around the nature and attributes of ‘Authentic Learning.’ What does ‘Authentic Learning’ look like in practice today? How much of our children’s and teachers’ time is spent engaging in ‘Authentic Learning’ practices and routines? Quite simply, we have to educate for today’s world which is a vastly different place to the world I inhabited as a child or, indeed, the world you inhabited. Please be assured in the knowledge that there are certain key elements of teaching such as the importance of developing quality relationships with students and the necessity for direct explicit instruction that have always been and will continue to be critical to the success of learners.

I have recently read a report which cites that in the past 20 years there was more new knowledge created than there had been in our entire history. Our children at St Vincent’s need to learn how to acquire knowledge. I know you will read with interest Sam Beattie’s account below of the place that technology has in our curriculum. Interested in finding out more about the Australian Curriculum? The website is readily accessible to all at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

Congratulations Mrs Evans and Ms Zaja
Tomorrow afternoon our staff will gather at St Christopher’s Cathedral to celebrate CE Recognition Awards with Mass. We are very excited as two of our staff, Rita Evans and Anna Zaja have been selected to be award recipients for demonstrating outstanding achievement in meeting the needs of our culturally diverse student and parent population through the Kidsmatter program. Through staff and parent education programs, Anna and Rita have been instrumental in the coordination and the implementation of a common Social and Emotional Learning program (SEL) for all students here at St Vincent’s. We will be proudly standing by their sides as they accept their award.

Enjoy the Canberra Day holiday on Monday – a great weekend to enjoy the company of each other, this fine weather we keep having and of course to celebrate Canberra’s Birthday. Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you for your ongoing support and encouragement,

Lina Vigliotta
lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10 March
Year 6 Leadership Induction Assembly and morning tea

Monday 13 March
Canberra Day Holiday

Wed 15 March
Fun Food Day

Friday 17 March
Year 2 Yellow Class Mass

Sunday 26 March
Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

Wednesday 5 April
Easter Egg Raffle 2pm

Friday 7 April
Holy Week Prayer Last Day Term 1

ST VINCENT’S PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil-6pm
Sunday-10am
Parish: 6251 1525

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“Ancient, Christ-centred community providing educational excellence and opportunities.”
Late last year St Vincent’s was lucky enough to secure a STEM Seed Grant enabling the school to purchase a class suite of programmable and adaptable mBots. This suite of robots will enable the school to further develop all children to become active global citizens in their own future. Coding is exciting and provides an open ended source for children to develop their creativity to code neural program nets used in artificial intelligence.

Created by the MakerBlock company who specialises in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math products, these robots allow an entrance to the coding realm of programming robots.

This new set of mBot robots were excitedly built by 6 Blue and given strong Robot names like Bubbles and John. The excitement and enjoyment by the children was amazing to witness and the children are itching to get into programming the robots.

The mBots will also be used in classrooms across the school utilising programming apps and the Scratch Program code languages. Coding and programming these mBots will require the children to take risks, problem solve, plan and adapt to reach set goals. These skills as with many others, are transferrable to all aspects of schooling.

Sam Beattie

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**THE ROBOTS ARE HERE**

**YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP PRAYER CELEBRATION**

Tomorrow morning, all students in Year 6 will be inducted into their leadership roles. Parents will present them with their badges and have been invited to join their children for a celebratory morning tea (thankyou Year 5 for catering). Congratulations to all boys and girls. We are looking forward to your leadership throughout 2017.

**FUN FOOD DAY**

Students are very excited about next Wednesday’s Fun Food Day. The Health and Wellbeing Team are treating us all to a “best of British” music disco in the hall on the day as a treat.

All orders need to be in by 10 March by 9.30am, so that Bronwyn is able to get her final numbers for the day.

**PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM**

Attached to this newsletter is information inviting parents to a forum with prominent guest speaker Michael Carr-Gregg.

Workshop opportunities include: Engaging with your child for Wellbeing, Engaging with your child with a disability, Engaging with your child to improve learning outcomes and Engaging with your child’s school. It is recommended that you register early if you are interested in attending.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been fortunate enough to attend a number of meetings that will assist our school in living out our new Vision “an inclusive, Christ-centred community, offering educational excellence and opportunities” I thought I’d give you a little snippet of the key pieces of information from these meetings.

NAPLAN ONLINE
Did you know that this year ACT students in year 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be completing the National Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy online? the benefit of online NAPLAN tests is to better meet the needs of all students, including those with a disability. It will allow ‘tailored testing’ which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results. For more information about NAP Online go to https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment

PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS – UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA
On Monday, I was invited to speak as part of a panel for a lecture at the University of Canberra. Three other teachers and myself were asked to speak about how we reflect in our jobs. I spoke about how my reflective practice revolves around looking back on the events and activities I have recently been involved in. Each time I identify and ask myself the following questions:

- “how am I going? or how did that go?” “How do I know?” “Where to for me next?”
- “what went well?” “what would I change?” “what needs to go?”
- “when things are going well, what is happening that I can attribute to my success?”
- “when things aren’t going well, what can I do to change my practice?”

I spoke about the importance of having a critical friend or a mentor to run your ideas by and to feed forward from your feedback! As teachers we should also be asking our students how we are going too! When embarking on reflection, don’t be too hard on yourself. Remember that reflection enables you to look back on how much you have achieved!

IT’S TIME FOR A BOOK FLOOD!
Yesterday, I attended an Archdiocesan Literacy Teachers meeting. At this meeting, I was informed that the school will be receiving $5000, which is to go towards the purchasing of ‘good-fit’ books for all our classrooms Kindergarten to Year Six! This funding will ensure that we have multiple copies of our favourite titles and series across the school.

Do you have a number of children’s books or a young reader’s series sitting on your shelves at home? We are looking for donations of ‘Hot Reads’ for our students and we need multiple copies! Titles and authors we are looking for include: Paul Jennings, Hey Jack, Ella and Olivia, Aaron Blabey, Billie B Brown, Bad Guys, Zac Power, Geronimo Stilton, Tom Gates, David Walliams, Boys Rule, EJ Spy School, Sporty Kids, Andy Griffiths, Roald Dahl. This is just a few of many on the list. Please bring any books you are happy to part with to help us build a book castle which will be set up in the Green Area. We have one request though, we are only collecting children’s books and can we ask that no Disney Books or Little Golden Books be included in the donation.

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

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Aurelia R, Anik F
YEAR 1 BLUE: Jivin P, Ella N
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Monica H, Hunter H
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Juno P, Bob S
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Eleni M, Taneisha P, Reuben W
YEAR 5 BLUE: Ella K, Claudia L
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Sassi W, Lucy M
YEAR 6 BLUE: Isabel F, Harini B

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

Dakota C, Jacob R, Samuel W, Lucas K,
Eden L, William P, Vincent H, Isabel F
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

‘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)

Jesus Calls the First Disciples
Tomorrow, Year 6 will lead us in our first Prayer Celebration for the year. The scripture passage they will focus on is the calling of the first disciples from Matthew’s Gospel. This Prayer Celebration will hold extra significance for the Year 6 students and their families as they will be commissioned as leaders for the 2017 school year. Through their prayer the children will examine the links between discipleship and their role as leaders of St Vincent’s. We hope you can join us in the Hall for this special occasion.

A Prayer for Lent
Lord, please guide me this Lent, remind me to pray to You, To thank You, to love You, to hear from You each and every day. Amen

Whole School Focus
Prayer Celebrations for Term 1

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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, next Sunday 19 March in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online — www.flexischools.com.au

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Dear Parents,
A food voucher will be given as an incentive to ensure we have volunteers for help on your child’s class set day for canteen.
I urge you to find time, whether it be a half hour or all day to help out, as I can’t do it alone. Thank you to Susan Bourke for coming into help out each week.
The voucher will be for 3 mini meat pies, sauce, a packet of grain waves and a water. It can be used at anytime of the year but not on the day parents help out.
Thank you for your help and support
Bronwyn Smith, Canteen Manager
NO SCHOOL BANKING
TOMORROW FRIDAY, 10 MARCH
Unfortunately, the school banking will not be able to be processed on Friday, 10 March.
We apologise for any inconvenience.
Nicole Watson
School Banking Coordinator

ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT
How much do you know about the beer?
Back for its 3rd 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 24 March at 7:00pm
Where: St Vincent’s
Cost: $20 - Includes pizza and beer tastings
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au

BELCONNEN SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival next Wednesday 15th March. We wish them all the best!

YMCA After School Care (ASC) provides children with opportunities to learn, build relationships, connect to their world around them and develop new skills and interests in a caring and supportive environment.

Programs include play and leisure based experiences guided by a child centred and collaborative curriculum offering creative arts experiences, music, dramatic play and a range of physical activities supporting and guiding children’s health and wellbeing.

Permanent Booking $28.50 per child, per day
Casual Booking $31.50 per child, per day

Call 6242 4040
www.canberra.ymca.org.au
All YMCA ASC services are Child Care Benefit (CCB)& Child Care Rebate (CCR) Approved Services.
2017 Student Residential Address Collection

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested your child’s school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with section 21 of the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (the Regulation).

A statement of addresses contains the following three pieces of information about students at the school:

- Students’ residential address (not student names or other identifying information)
- Students’ level of education (i.e. whether the student is receiving primary or secondary education)
- Students’ boarding school status (boarders or day students)

Authority for and Purpose of Collection

Consistent with previous practice, and following the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics National Census of Population and Housing (Census), it is timely that information held by the department is updated in order to ensure that Australian Government funding calculations for your child’s school are accurate.

Under section 21 of the Regulation, a statement of addresses must not explicitly identify an individual student. Accordingly, all information in the statement of addresses provided by your child’s school to the department is de-identified.

Use and Disclosure of Information

It is important to ensure the statements of addresses are accurate, and the department may from time to time carry out audits of statements of addresses to verify their accuracy. In the event of an audit, the department’s contracted auditors may seek to compare a school’s statement of addresses with student enrolment information held by the school for the purpose of verifying the information. The department’s contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

Any further use and disclosure of information relating to the statement of addresses will occur in accordance with section 65 of the Regulation.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

For further information about the department, including the department’s privacy policy, please go to: https://education.gov.au.

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PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

“THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD’S WELLBEING AND LEARNING”

THIS FORUM IS INTENDED FOR:
SCHOOL BOARDS/SCHOOL COUNCILS, PRINCIPALS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND CEO STAFF.

GUEST SPEAKER
DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG
ADOLESCENT AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES WILL INCLUDE:
Engaging with your child for Wellbeing, Engaging with your child with a disability, Engaging with your child to improve learning outcomes, Engaging with your child’s school and Engaging with your parents—a child’s perspective.

The day will also include the launch of the Parent Charter for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

VENUE, DATE & TIME
MERICI COLLEGE
WISE STREET, BRADDOCK ACT 2612
SATURDAY 25 MARCH
9AM TO 3:30PM

“EVERY STUDENT – EVERY HOME – EVERY SCHOOL”
THIS IS A FREE EVENT. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

REGISTER NOW