FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2019 are well underway. This has been an exciting time to connect with continuing families and to also welcome new families to the school community. I am in awe of the time and commitment families demonstrate in terms of the provision of love, care and nurturing for their children. At this interview I like to gauge current family perspectives of our school. One of the questions I ask existing families is how much our families value the sense of community here at St Vincent’s. Parents rave about the support they are given as soon as they enter our front door (I am sure you will join me in thanking our Front Office manager, Nicole, whose welcome and offer of assistance reassures families on a daily basis.) Parents speak highly of the quality of teachers at St Vincent’s and highly rate their professionalism and outreach to the needs of their children. The next question I ask is how families will support our school community during their time here. I trust that families know that our doors are always open and we appreciate every offer of help...canteen, craft, literacy publishing, weekly bike riding, sport carnivals, excursions ... the list is endless.

In a fortnight all families have an opportunity to come along to the school DISCO, showing support for this initiative being hosted by the School Community Council, meet other families and enjoy the company of each other. St Vincent’s Discos are legendary and I know you and your children will have an awesome time. Please come along!

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

Lina Vigliotta
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**FUN FOOD DAY**

Tomorrow is the last day for orders for next Wednesday’s Awesome Burger Fun Food day. Options of a cheese burger or veggie burger with a hash brown are available. Thank you to Bronwyn for the work she puts into these days for our children.

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**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

On Tuesday students came to school dressed in green for World Environment day. Money raised will be used to purchase plants for our veggie garden. Thank you to members of the Year 6 sustainability team for coming up with this initiative. The team planted a tree in our Indigenous Garden in recognition of the day.

Amalija in Year 4 wrote a prayer to share with the school on the Day...calling us all to action on behalf of the trees.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday June 22nd**

Get ready to rock the dance floor with great music and good friends.

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to families who have paid their school fees. Fees can be paid by credit card, eftpos or Bpay. All outstanding school fees are now overdue. It is imperative that an appointment is made with me to discuss any outstanding fees.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear families and friends,

Last Friday, 8 students from Year 6 were selected to present their speeches to the school community at the St Vincent’s Rostrum School Final. The purpose of the school final is to determine which student will go on to represent St Vincent’s at the Quarter Final, to be held next Wednesday 13 June at Weetangera Primary School.

Jemma was our first speaker and she gave us an informative and passionate speech about ‘Working Dogs’. She kept her audience interested with a clever introduction and excellent knowledge about the topic. It is clear Jemma is passionate about guide and rescue dogs!

Riley put his sister ‘Under the microscope’ and his narrative style speech kept his audience gripped! Riley engaged the audience with a clear and confident voice. Humorous one liners such as “I didn’t realise there were so many ways you could do your hair” and “the lateness makes my mum drive like a maniac!” kept the audience entertained.

Ella K spoke about ‘Breaking the Ice’. She had a good balance of humour and research for the topic and this kept her audience engaged. Ella’s acronym F.O.R.D (Family, Occupation, Recreation, Dreams) highlighted four ways you can go about talking to people you don’t know. She spoke clearly, confidently and in a light hearted format.

It was clear that Vincent was up to speed on world news, as he presented his well-researched speech about ‘Volcanos’. Vincent used appropriate technical language such as ‘molten rock’ which assisted the audience to understand the topic. He left us wondering if volcanos could be a new way of launching rockets for space exploration!

Ella R cleverly used phrases such as “Have you ever tried talking to a young child? They won’t crack!” in her speech ‘Breaking the Ice’. Her audience was entertained by her clear, confident and light hearted delivery about the topic. Ella emphasised how the reality of talking to people you don’t know, takes a lot of practice and at times “It’s like falling into the ice!”

George delivered a factual, well-researched and well-rehearsed speech about ‘Breaking the Ice’. He made reference to what an ‘Ice Age’ is and the importance of looking after the environment to reduce global warming. George spoke confidently using technical language and hand gestures to enhance the delivery of his speech.

Sean’Hope shared her admiration for Slovenian Cross Country skier Petra Majdic and how her determination to never give up and to eventually win an Olympic medal ‘was worth it’. Sean’Hope used a clever introduction “no one said it would be easy they just promised it would be worth it” by Dr Seuss to grab the attention of her audience.

Lara D was the final speaker for the day with her speech ‘Under the Microscope’ Lara spoke about the topic using a fine balance of creativity and fact. She used strong descriptive language and appropriate technical language to suit her audience. Lara’s closing line “You never know what could be looking back at you” left the audience wondering and wanting more!

We congratulate Ella R, who has been selected to represent St Vincent’s at the Quarter Final and Lara D as the Runner Up.

With best wishes always, Lisa Harris

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Trinity M, Lachlan E, Nicole S
YEAR 1 BLUE: William O, Julia L, Ashni S
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Lucas K, Puendirika P
YEAR 3 BLUE: Scarlett C, Aarav G, Imogen H
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Eliza B, Elle S, Mia K
YEAR 5 BLUE: Harry M, Celina G
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Leah S, Patrick M
YEAR 6 BLUE: James H, Ella R

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:

Leah S, Lucy N, Queenie P, Athena M
Do Not Worry

Tomorrow we will have our next student led Prayer Celebration for the year. The prayer will be led by 3 Blue and their focus is the passage from Luke 12:22-34, Do Not Worry.

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 Luke 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.

Jesus is inviting his disciples not to be closed to the wonder of God’s action in this world. Their concern indicates that they have ‘little faith’. Faith does not protect us from the injustices and sufferings of life. It does, however, give us a way of coping with them so that they do not destroy our heart or prevent us from loving. Faith opens us to the grace and love of God who never leaves or forsakes us.

Please join us tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the Church for our Prayer Celebration. We thank Ms Hellyer, Mrs Mattiske and the children of 3 Blue for all their work and preparation.

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony

Tomorrow, 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 and the Commissioning Ceremony tomorrow from 9am in the Church.

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
Spicy Pumpkin Soup: $1.00

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ST VINCENT’S SPORT

Belconnen PSSA Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Belconnen Zone Cross Country last Thursday. Due to top ten performances the following students will represent Belconnen at the ACT Championships next Wednesday. Jacob D - 3rd, Lucas K - 4th, Daisy C - 5th, Chloe P - 1st.

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 12/U Belconnen Basketball trials**

**Touch Football**
The ACT Touch Football championships were held at Deakin Ovals on Tuesday. Congratulations to Ella R, Charlotte N, Ella K, Sean’ Hope C, Daisy C, Mia K, Lara D, Josie A, Ruby A, Joshua N and Riley B who represented Belconnen. In the girls competition Belconnen won both pools. The boys played well all day to go down in the semi-finals. Most of the St Vincent’s students will trial for the ACT team that will compete in the Australian Schools Touch Football Championships in Hobart.

**Belconnen Zone Hockey Trials**

Congratulations to Claudia L and Emma L on their selection in the Belconnen Girls Hockey team.

**AusKick**

An exciting Cats After School Auskick program will be running at Aranda playing fields, Wednesdays starting from the 27th June until the 15th August at 3:30 – 4:30 for kids in Kindy to Year 2.

Angela Luchetti, Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher
YEAR 1 EXCURSION

Yesterday Year One Blue went on an excursion to the National Arboretum. We learned all about the natural, managed and constructed features of this place. Our tour guide informed us about how the features at the Arboretum all have a purpose and need to be cared for. We also took some time to be still and reflect amongst God’s creation. We concluded our excursion with a play at the Acorn park. So much fun had by all!

On return from our excursion Year One spent the rest of the day bringing our ‘dream playground’ designs to life. We loved being in the maker space where we could let our creative and problem solving skills run wild!