FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to SABBATH WEEK. For parents new to our school this week, Week 7 each term, is when homework is not set, we aim to have no meetings and focus on family time. It’s a much anticipated week for both staff and students.

School Registration

Early next week St Vincent’s will go through a process of re-registration. This involves representatives for Catholic Education, School leaders from other schools and a representative from the ACT Directorate reviewing our programs and policies. While it is a rigorous process it is a time for the teachers to share the learning that is occurring in the classrooms. The panel will spend time visiting classrooms and speaking with the children about their learning. The panel will provide recommendations for future improvement against the National School Improvement Tool. I look at this as an opportunity to showcase our school and a celebration of our achievements since the previous registration. We would very much appreciate parent support at our social gathering on Monday afternoon, even if you can come for a short time it will give our panel members an opportunity to gain a full perspective of our St Vincent’s school community.

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

Lina Vigliotta
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DATING TO REMEMBER

Friday 15 June
Yr 3 Excursion

Friday 22 June
School Disco
Parent Teacher Interview booking open

Wednesday 27 June
Confirmation Retreat Day

Thursday 28 June
Confirmation 6pm

Friday 29 June
Parent Teacher Interview booking close

Mon-Tues 2-3 July
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 6 July
Last Day Term 2

PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW’S AND
ST VINCENT DE PAUL
WEEKEND
MASS TIMES

From 8 April
Sunday-10am
Tuesday-5.30pm
Thursday-9.30am
Parish: 6251 1525

You are invited to join the staff of St Vincent’s on
Monday 18 June from 3.45pm
... an opportunity to meet members of the School Registration Panel and celebrate our many achievements over the past 5 years.
A FAMILY IS A PLACE to cry and laugh and vent frustrations, to ask for help and tease, to be hugged and smiled at.

A FAMILY IS A PEOPLE who care when you are sad, who love you no matter what, who share your triumphs, who don’t expect you to be perfect, just growing with honesty and in your own direction.

A FAMILY IS A CIRCLE where we learn to make good decisions, where we learn to think before we do, where we learn to think before we do, where we learn integrity and table manners and respect for other people; where we are special.

**SEMESTER ONE REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS**

Teachers are working hard to put the finishing touches to end of semester reports. These will be sent home on Thursday, 28 June. Following the report, EVERY family (parent and child) is expected to attend an interview. Interviews will take place on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 July (Week 10). There will be an online booking system for these interviews and they will go live to parents next Friday, 22 June at 9am. If you do not have access to a computer please call the front office to organise a time.

**FUN FOOD DAY**

Yesterday children were treated to our second Fun Food day for the year. On a cold winter’s day the warm cheese burger, and hash brown were a real treat. Imagine cooking and serving 158 lunches! A huge thank you to Bronwyn and her helpers Louise, Regan and Lillias for the time they dedicated to this day. The children loved it!

Well done to our Health and Wellbeing team who led physical activity (skip rope and dancing) during lunchtime play and our Year 6 canteen helpers for their great service.

**STUDENT PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Last night Ella Randall proudly represented St Vincent’s as our Rostrum speaker in the quarter finals at Weetangera PS. She entertained the audience with her presentation in her speech ‘Breaking the Ice’. We are all so proud of Ella’s efforts a great representative for our school.

**PLENARY COUNCIL**

As many of you are aware, the Catholic Church will be holding a Plenary Council in 2020. A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and parishes of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment.

Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart. In Canberra, there will be four listening sessions to allow the lay people of the Church and more importantly, those who are distance or disaffected by the Church to have input into what we think God is calling the church in Australia. Details of these sessions are attached.

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, however would like the opportunity for input you can visit the website and write your own submission at:

http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
Friday June 22\textsuperscript{nd}
6.30 -8.00pm
Get ready to rock the dance floor with
great music and good friends.

Please note that this a community council (parent) run event for families. There is no staff supervision and children will need to be accompanied by a parent. A great opportunity to meet and make new friends.

HELP NEEDED
We need helpers for our Flashback Disco on Friday 22 June 2018! The times are broken into 1 hour slots (6-7, 7-8 and 8-9pm) so helpers can still enjoy the night, it should be a good one! Cooks are also needed in the canteen anytime from 3pm. Sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/events/summary/174249, contact the front office or email amandagailphillips@gmail.com. THANKS!

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to families who have paid their school fees. Fees can be paid by cash, 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.

ST VINCENT’S SPORT
ACT Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to Jacob D, Lucas K and Daisy C on competing strongly at the ACT Cross Country Championships yesterday. They all did very well against the best runners in ACT.

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
- Girls 12/U Belconnen Basketball trials
- ACT 12/U Netball trials
- Girls 12/U Belconnen Soccer trials
- ACT 12/U Boys and Girls Touch Trials
- AusKick
An exciting ‘Cats After School Auskick’ program will be running at Aranda playing fields on Wednesdays. Starting from the 27\textsuperscript{th} June until the 15\textsuperscript{th} August, 3:30 – 4:30pm, for kids in Kindy to Year 2.

Angela Luchetti
Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear families and friends,

In last week’s Vinnies Learners session, students delved deeper into what it means to accept a challenge. At St Vincent’s we believe that “challenging is interesting” not hard. When students accept a challenge, this means they are willing to go into the Learning Pit to find out more.

I have been challenged by Year 4 this week, to climb to the top of the climbing frame! I have accepted the challenge and even though I am a little nervous about getting up there, I know how triumphant I will feel when the challenge is complete!

Sabbath Week

I hope all families have enjoyed some down time this week, no pressure of Homework and a Fun Food Day yesterday! In our house there was a little celebration and a bit of a fist pump from my husband when he realised he didn’t have to make lunch for our son yesterday!

Parent Book Swap

Have you had a look at the parent book swap shelf lately? This bookshelf is located inside the exit doors for afternoon pickup. Please feel free to come and have a browse, take a book and if you can, replace it with a book you think another parent might enjoy.

With best wishes always,

Lisa

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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this week's awards

KINDER YELLOW: Simon H, Amelia R
YEAR 1 BLUE: Leo K, Ryl A
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Prawal S, Daniel O, Kalari B
YEAR 3 BLUE: Grace C, Evie W, Lucas K
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Jack C, Christopher A, Chloe P
YEAR 5 BLUE: Sofia G, Charlie H
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Sarah C, Aniketh B
YEAR 6 BLUE: Daniel L, Sasha S

BIRTHDAYS

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

Christopher A, Harry M
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

‘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 Ms Hellyer, Mrs Mattiske and the children from 3 Blue who lead us in prayer last Friday. The theme, ‘Do Not Worry’ was carefully considered and prayerfully presented. The students showed an excellent grasp of their scripture passage. 3 Blue taught us that if we live with FAITH in GOD who provides ALL that we need, the worries in our life become bubbles that disappear. Thank you 3 Blue.

Congratulations to the children who were commissioned as our 2018 Mini Vinnies team last Friday. Their actions have already begun inspiring others as we have had three more student’s sign-up this week. The Mini-Vinnies doors are always open and if your child would like to join they can come and see me for an information and permission note at any time. Well done children.

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
This week’s Soup is: Potato and Leek—$1.00

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GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons available on Thursday afternoons with Sam Conway. From beginner to advanced, all are welcome! I am happy to teach a variety of genres, my background is in classical but I have also studied jazz and currently play in an indie rock band.

Call: 0422 782 367
or
e-mail: samuel.m.conway@gmail.com

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On the Plenary Council webpage you will find a SUBMISSION link. This will become your submission to the Plenary Council.

Go to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The three questions for your submission are:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

To learn more and to make your submissions go to http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

CANBERRA SESSIONS

Session 1
Tuesday June 19
10am - midday
Eastlake Football Club
Gungahlin

Session 2
Tuesday June 19
7pm - 9pm
Eastlake Football Club
Gungahlin

Session 3
Thursday June 21
10am - midday
Eastlake Football Club
Kingston

Session 4
Thursday June 21
7pm - 9pm
Eastlake Football Club
Kingston
St Vincent's School Disco

A family event for all to enjoy!
Please note no supervision provided.

St Vincent’s School Hall
Friday 22nd June
6.30 – 8pm
Entry via the Afters courtyard
Entry includes: Glow stick, tattoo and hairspray

Entry: $5 per child

Why not make a night of it and pre order your tickets and dinner through Flexischools (paper orders welcome too)

Food options available:
Baked Potato—$5
Beef or Veg Nachos—$5
Pizza by the slice—$1

www.flexischools.com.au Order up to the day!