FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,
Upon invitation from our Faith and Justice leaders, Canberra Peace Bell Coordinator Michael Rabey came to St Vincent’s last week. This was his second visit to our school. The first, late last year was to invite our community to support the construction of a pavilion to house the World Peace Bell at Nara Park. Since then we have been successful in raising $150 for the project. Michael shared with us a quote by Chinese Philosopher Lao Te Tse. I hope that as you read it, the words of the message of peace resonates well with you.

“If there is to be peace in the World,  
There must be peace between Nations.

If there is to be peace between Nations,  
There must be peace in the Cities,

If there is to be peace in the Cities,  
There must be peace between Neighbours.

If there is to be peace between Neighbours,  
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the Heart!

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

Lina Vigliotta

lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au
Catholic Schools Enrolment Period is from Monday, 1 May – Friday, 19 May 2017. If you know of anyone outside of our school community who has a child at pre-school, please notify them of the opportunity to enrol at St Vincent’s during the above period. Enrolment packs will be ready for the beginning of Term 2. Our Open Day will be on Tuesday, 16 May 9.30am – 11am and from 4 – 6pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCCER CARNIVAL

This Sunday, three St Vincent teams will compete in the Catholic Schools' Soccer Carnival taking place on the grounds of the University of Canberra. My thanks to Lynne Hellyer who has coordinated our participation in the carnival. Thankyou also to parents who have offered to coach, referee and manage our teams. It should be a great day and I look forward to seeing out teams in action on the day.

HARMONY DAY

Tomorrow we celebrate Harmony Day at St Vincent’s. This is an opportunity for us all to celebrate our diversity, highlighting the fact that at St Vincent’s everyone is welcome. Children are invited to come to school wearing clothing that is culturally representative of their nationality. All students are encouraged to wear clothing in a shade of orange, representative of Harmony Day.

EASTER RAFFLE

The SCC are 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 office any time before Monday, 3 April. Further information will be sent home soon and the raffle is scheduled to be drawn at 2pm on Wednesday, 5 April (Week 10). Thank you in advance for your ongoing support in our fundraising ventures.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 2

All Catholic schools have been notified by Catholic Education that Term 2 will commence on Wednesday, 26th April.

CARPARK ETIQUETTE

EVERY CHILD AT ST VINCENT’S IS PRECIOUS.

Please, please be extra vigilant when dropping your precious little boy/girl off to school in the morning. It has come to my attention this week (on more than one occasion) that cars are speeding through our morning ‘drop off’ zone. I struggle to imagine how this can be happening. I know every parent at St Vincent’s would never intentionally put a life a risk. Sadly, accidents do happen. Please drive slowly. I hope that ‘drop off’ reports next week reflect the care for everyone of our precious people at St Vincent’s.
All contact details have finally been updated on the system and Nicole Watson is now in a position to publish contact lists for class coordinators. If you do not want your email address given to the Class Coordinator, please contact the office at office.svdp@catholic.edu.au.

I thank Alison Smallwood for accepting the role of Parent Liaison to support this team in their important work.

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### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

It’s not too late to register for this forum. Details are included with this newsletter. A great opportunity to listen to prominent guest speaker Michael Carr-Gregg and participate in the following workshops:

- 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
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been at St Vincent’s! There is a real buzz and excitement around the school as teachers and students go about their learning and teaching.

NAPLAN Online
Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete NAPLAN testing program in Week 3 of next term. This year the testing will be administered in an Online Platform. We would like to offer parents of students sitting NAPLAN this year an Information Evening about the new testing process. At this meeting we will be able to show parents what the testing platform will look like, how the students go about completing the tests and have a Q & A session. The date for this will be:

Thursday, 6 April from 6.30pm – 7.00pm

If you would like further information and to trial the testing platform, please visit the following webpage:
www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

The demonstration tests are mini tests that contain example questions to allow everyone to become familiar with the various types of technology enhanced features NAPLAN online uses.

English as an Additional Language or Dialect Professional Learning
Natalie Currie and myself were fortunate enough to attend Professional Learning sessions to assist St Vincent’s in supporting our students who have English as an Additional Language or Dialect. The course was facilitated by Jennifer Mayers, who is a specialist in teaching EAL/D students in mainstream classrooms. Throughout the day we learnt about the importance of knowing our EAL/D students and the experiences they bring to their learning, linguistically, culturally, emotionally and educationally.

Book Castle
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our wonderful students and families who have contributed donations to our Book Castle. We are receiving some terrific books and our castle is starting to take shape. Perhaps you have colleagues at your workplace who have children’s or young readers’ titles they would be willing to part with? Keep the donations coming!

With best wishes,
Lisa

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Pearl P, Olivia R
YEAR 1 BLUE: Grace F, Oliver H
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Siddhak A, Jasmin H
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Alice H, Maegan C
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Alex T, Peter T
YEAR 5 BLUE: Sakthi P, George B
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Linh T, Charlotte N
YEAR 6 BLUE: Sarah D, Julius M

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

Gabriella S, Maegan C, Rory W, Jayla M
‘You are Called…’

Jesus said to them, “Come with me, and I will teach you to catch 3 people.” At once they left their nets and went with him.

(Matthew 4:19-20)

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity.

It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

This year at St Vincent’s we will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow.

All children are invited to wear orange for Harmony Day or traditional dress that represents their family background and culture.

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

| Week 10 – 7 Apr | Holy Week Prayer Celebration |

Peace and best wishes,

Luke Maher,
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass, next Sunday, 2 April in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN

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

Lenten Special until end of term: Battered Fish and Salad $4
St Vincent’s Easter Eggstravaganza

It’s time for our first fundraiser of the year and no better way to start than with the Easter Egg Raffle.

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, baskets, or anything with an Easter theme from the school community.

How does the raffle work? We ask for donations from the school community and then make up prizes using the donations received. Please send in your (nut-free) donations throughout Weeks 9 and 10.

This week raffle tickets will be sent home and each family is asked to try to sell a book of ten raffle tickets (50 cents each ticket). Please make sure that a name is on every ticket sold. In order to comply with ACT Gaming & Racing regulations tickets may only be sold to members of the school community (ie NOT the general public).

Tickets are due back Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

The raffle will be drawn and presented on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 at School.

Larissa Dann

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Learn respectful communication skills, to help develop a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). P.E.T helps children and parents become emotionally intelligent, confident and considerate. The course is powerful, proven and practical.

Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentsSkills.com.au; read P.E.T. on a Page; and join the Parent Skills Facebook community

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.

$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Monday, 1 May 2017 (minimum number of participants required);
Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa Dann, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.

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