School Community Council News

When I was a student at St Vincent’s in the late 1970s, a highlight on everyone’s calendar was the end-of-year movie screening. At that time, St Vincent’s had one film projector, two films and many, many children. During the morning of the last day of school, Kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2 would be herded into the hall to watch that 1967 classic Doctor Dolittle, starring Rex Harrison. In the afternoon, grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 would gather for a hotly anticipated screening of the 1961 classic The Parent Trap, featuring the unforgettable Hayley Mills. I calculate that I watched Doctor Dolittle three times and The Parent Trap seven. And I loved every minute of both.

Today, St Vincent’s held its Athletics Carnival. During Holy Week (Week 8), different classes presented a liturgy each day. In Week 7, the children celebrated Harmony Day and ran unimaginable distances in the Cross Country Carnival. Week 3 saw us gather in the covered area for the Welcome BBQ. The Swimming Carnival was held in Week 2. It’s been a busy term.

School life moves at a pace I couldn’t have dreamed of when I listened to whirr of the projector in 1978. Even more extraordinary is the way in which the teachers of St Vincent’s manage this pace with energy, kindness and compassion. I watch and admire as they reveal the world to our children with optimism and integrity. They step into the future with confidence and take our children with them.

The St Vincent’s School Community Council (SCC) endeavours to support our teachers to fulfil their mission to promote educational excellence and opportunities in a Christ-centred community, and a rapidly changing world. A new generation of council members has brought an inspiring enthusiasm to SCC meetings and their contribution to the council is invaluable.

Through discussion of initiatives and future directions, and in practice through fundraising activities, the SCC is a critical contributor to our School’s development. The first two SCC meetings of this year have addressed future fundraising projects, enhancement of the School grounds, social events and the committee’s financial contributions to some of the School’s educational programs. These plans are in their early stages and I will continue to brief you on progress throughout the year. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

The Term 2, Week 3 newsletter will include an introduction to some of your SCC representatives and what they hope to achieve during their term.

Justine Molony
SCC Secretary
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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

With the fine Autumn weather we keep having we were blessed with a fine day for our Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. Again our parent helpers were very important to the successful running of the carnival. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Angela Luchetti for organising this event for our children and our amazing staff who enthusiastically participated in all events.

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCCER CARNIVAL

This coming Sunday 5 April St Vincent teams will compete in the Archdiocesan Soccer Carnival. Many thanks to the parents who have offered to coach, referee and manage our teams. I congratulate Holy Spirit Nicholls, for their organisation and running of the day.

VISITOR SIGN IN

We are very excited to be trialling a new electronic sign in system. No doubt, there will be a few issues as we move forward however we are confident this will ease the whole signing in and out and volunteering. For those parents/friends who are regular visitors to the school or volunteer on a regular basis, you can download the Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn (CECG) Sign in app which provides you opportunity to enter all your information once and you are then provided with a QR Code to scan as you sign in. An exciting way forward. You can find details at the end of the newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Tuesday, we had our annual school photos. A big thank you to Nicole Watson for her organisation of this day.

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 2018.

Club 4 kids Playgroup

Every Wednesday from 9.30 -11am.
Coordinator Jacinta welcomes all families with children between 0-4 for a morning of fun and opportunities to explore and wonder about our world.
To all our beautiful mothers

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR OUR

**Mother’s Day Breakfast and Stall**

Friday 11 May from 7.45am

An invitation and RSVP for numbers will go home to all families in Week 1 of Term 2.

*May we come together and celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our St Vincent’s community.*
Dear families and friends,
As we begin the final decent towards the end of this term we may be feeling a number of emotions...
Excited that the holidays are just around the corner.
Relieved that there is no homework for two weeks or lunches to pack.
Exhausted because this term has been so busy.
Panic because there is still so much that needs to be done and not enough time to do it.
Joy and celebration for the brilliant learning and teaching that has taken place in the classrooms.

Showcase of student learning
Throughout the day I will have had the pleasure of visiting each class as the students celebrate their Term 1 learning. I have loved asking the students the following types of questions:
What are you most proud of?
What would you do differently next time?
Was there a challenge that you had to overcome?
The stories that have been written, the models that have been made, the articulation of the students when they are talking about their learning has been impressive. Congratulations to everyone! Students, teachers and parents who have all had a very important part to play.

Parent Reading Workshop
Rita Evans and myself will be holding a Parent Reading Workshop next term, Thursday May 3. Depending on numbers we would like to offer two sessions. One in the morning 9am – 10am and one in the evening 6pm – 7pm. We would also like to trial a video link, so parents can view the session off campus. We would appreciate an RSVP for your interest and preferred time to either Rita or myself. Please see the information sheet in this newsletter.

Book Flood
Books continue to ‘flood in’ for this year’s Books for Classrooms drive. The donations for this term will be distributed to classrooms next week. Book donations can be dropped off at any time throughout the year, so keep us in mind when you are clearing out a bookshelf in the near future.

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

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this week’s awards
KINDER YELLOW: Noah M, Amelia R
YEAR 1 BLUE: Julia L, Pearl P, Sofia J, Leo K, Leon G
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Petra F, Emily M, Prawal S
YEAR 3 BLUE: Jack D, Evie W
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Phoebe G, Willow C, Elle S
YEAR 5 BLUE: Sofia G, Bronson M
YEAR 6 YELLOW: Annie W, Riley B, Aniketh B
YEAR 6 BLUE: Josie A, Nell H

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week:
Phoebe G
He is Risen!

In Pope Francis’ Easter address on Sunday, he spoke of three things inspired by the Gospel proclamation. These three points are things we can all consider this Easter season, that begins now and goes until Pentecost Sunday. The first – that ‘God Surprises Us’, Pope Francis says that God’s surprises are delivered with purpose because it is through surprise that we are touched and moved in unexpected ways. The second point Pope Francis made is about the response to God’s surprises, he points out the many times in the gospels that the followers of Jesus are caught by surprise but respond in a swift and faith-filled manner. Pope Francis concluded by asking those present to consider their own response to God’s surprises. He asks us to consider “Do I have a heart open to God’s surprises? What about me today in this Easter 2018. What about you?”

Whilst this is a very brief summary of Pope Francis’ reflections, you can find the article at http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-04/pope-francis-homily-easter-sunday-.html and it is well-worth the read.

Holy Week Reflections
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection
Lord Jesus,
We rejoice that you came back to life
And that you have given us new life.
May we celebrate and be glad!
We make this prayer in your name
Amen

Project Compassion – PLEASE RETURN
Just a reminder to please return all Project Compassion boxes to school. If you do not have a box but would still like to contribute, all classes have a large box on their prayer table and any coins will be greatly accepted. We will be announcing a school total before the end of term and would like to have all donations back for counting. Thank you in advance for your generous and considerate donations in 2018. The Year 6 Faith and Justice Leadership team appreciate all the support that has been given.

Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s Special is: Tandoori Chicken Rice (GF)-$4.00

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ST VINCENT’S SPORT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival - Sunday 8th April 2018
• If you are interested in being the parent coordinator on the day, Ms Luchetti would love to hear from you. Children were given their draws on Tuesday. Further information will be given on Friday.

ACT SCHOOL SPORT TRIALS
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)
ACT 12&U Boys basketball
Belconnen Zone U/12 Rugby League Trials - 5th and 9th April
Girls 12&U Touch Football Trials
Boys 12&U Soccer Trials

ACT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Mia K and Indiana P will represent the Belconnen zone in the ACT Swimming Championships. Mia will swim in the 10 years 50 m Freestyle and Indiana will swim in four events - 10 years 50 m Freestyle, 10/U 50m Backstroke, Butterfly and 10-12 years 100m Freestyle.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
It has been a busy term on the sporting calendar, with all three carnivals in Term One. Once again a huge thank you to the wonderful parents who continually give of their time to assist at our carnivals. We couldn’t do it without you. The carnival showcased the depth of talent we have in our school. It was fantastic to see the high level of participation and encouragement the children displayed.
‘Talking, Reading and Writing’
A workshop for Parents, Grandparents and Carers

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by:
Rita Evans and Lisa Harris

Rita and Lisa will present a practical information session to ANY parents and carers of St Vincent’s children who:

- are learning to read and write
- are developing their reading and writing skills or
- find reading and writing difficult

Find out how to:
- make reading and writing practice enjoyable
- conference with your child about their reading and writing
- take the stress out of homework and make learning a worthwhile experience

Date: Thursday 3 May, 2018
Time/s: 9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm
Where: St Vincent’s Library

If you know of anyone wanting to help out at the school, bring them along too!

For more information and to RSVP please email Lisa Harris
lisa.harris@cg.catholic.edu.au
CECG Quick Sign In

To make it easier for Visitors to sign in, we have created an App that translates your information into a QR Code called CECG Quick Sign In.

You can make use of the following QR code to install the App:

For iPhones:

For Android Phones:

Alternatively, you can do the installation via the App Store (for Apple) or the Google Play (for Android) by following these instructions:

Click on Search and type in CECG and then you select the CECG Quick Sign In.
Get and install it on your phone.

Open the App and click on OK to accept the brief description. Complete the required fields. Once done, you can click on Show Code.

The app on your phone looks like this: