FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

A warm welcome back to everyone for the start of our second term at St Vincent’s and I hope that you all enjoyed good times with your children during the term break. The children returned to school this week in great spirit and yesterday morning we paid tribute to our ANZAC heroes with a very moving ceremony during which we reflected with gratitude on the courageous deeds of these brave men and women, so many of whom paid with the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedom that we enjoy today. It was evident that this memorial was even more meaningful to our students following their learning from the Defence Appreciation Day they participated in at the end of last term.

The ANZAC story has at its heart a heroic story of Hope, the same message of Hope that is the true meaning of Easter. As we begin a new school term, I wish to share with you that we here at St Vincent’s are committed to sharing this key message with our children each and every day. St Vincent’s, as an authentic Catholic school, should be a place where each of us, student, staff member and parent should experience Jesus each day. In our quest to support your child’s learning, teachers will often begin with a story of heroism and hope. Such stories can serve to inspire our children and can be great entry points for us to connect with them and lead them to reflecting on their lives with a sense of gratitude for the blessings they enjoy as well focusing upon the future with a sense of hope.

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme: Catholic Schools; Great Learning, Great Communities resonates the sense of Hope that I have shared with you. Attached to this newsletter is an invitation to a number of events planned for next week. I do hope that you can find time to join us at one or more of the events.

Wishing everyone well for the term!

Lina Vigliotta

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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 can be collected from the Front Office. Our Open Day will be on Tuesday, 16 May 9.30am – 11am and from 4 – 6pm.

Yesterday, all families received a pack of brochures advertising our school open day. We ask that you letterbox drop these to your neighbours.

WORKING BEE – THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY 30 April
10am – 12pm

Load of fun!
Meet new people and make our school grounds even better. Please bring with you a shovel, spade, rake…or anything else that may be of use in the garden.
A sausage sizzle and drinks provided to all helpers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1 - 7 MAY
SAVE THE DATE - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS AND BYO PICNIC

The community of St Vincent’s Parish invite families and friends of St Vincent’s school to a whole school Mass at 10am on SUNDAY, MAY 7 followed by a picnic on the Parish/School grounds.
A sausage sizzle will be provided to supplement your family picnic.

Catholic Schools: Great Learning. Great Communities
All students have returned to school proudly wearing their winter uniform. We encourage your child to wear their school uniform with pride when at school and when representing our school off campus. This means: shirts tucked in, buttons on sleeves done up, shiny shoes and the correct hat and colours for hair accessories. If hair is longer than shoulder length it needs to be tied back. A reminder that the Clothing Pool is available to families who would like to purchase pre-loved items of the winter uniform.

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**Sport Equipment Restock**

Thanks to the many St Vincent’s families who have purchased sporting equipment/clothing at Rebel Sports in the past year. Due to this we have been credited with enough funds to purchase a range of sporting equipment for our students. We now have new balls and hula hoops. No doubt the students will enjoy playing with this new stock.

**Club4Kids**

We are proud to be offering all families with children aged between 0-4 years an opportunity to join in a morning of learning opportunities for the youngest members of their family. Club4Kids is held every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am in the ASC room. A new timetable for Club4Kids is attached to this newsletter. Please share with your neighbours and friends. All welcome.

**Welcome to St Vincent’s School community**

This week, we welcome Indiana Phillips to Year 3/4Y. We wish Indiana and his family a long and happy association with St Vincent’s.

**Congratulations Mr Luke Maher**

Tomorrow Luke will be presented with a Masters of Education (Religious Education). We wish Luke all the very best for his graduation from ACU and look forward to him sharing his new found learning and knowledge with us all.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is always nice to come back after the term break and listen to the stories about family outings, the books that were read, see the new haircuts and see how much the students have grown!!!

We were blessed with glorious weather and I hope many of you had the opportunity to take advantage of this.

What’s On this term…………………

All major events for this term have now been added to the school’s electronic Calendar, which can be accessed via the school website or on the Skoolbag App. The calendar will be updated regularly so keep an eye out for new events!

Gymnastics

This term, all classes at St Vincent’s will participate in a 35 minute Gymnastics session provided by the Activated group. The sessions are taught by qualified coaches and they will run every Tuesday this term for 9 weeks.

NAPLAN

You may have heard that all jurisdictions have chosen not to participate in the online testing for 2017. Unfortunately, there are some issues with the online platform that cannot be resolved before students commence NAPLAN testing in May of this year. Therefore, NAPLAN testing for 2017 will instead be carried out on paper, as in previous years.

The dates for NAPLAN this year are:

- Tuesday, 9 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday, 10 May – Reading
- Thursday, 11 May – Numeracy

For more information about NAPLAN 2017 go to https://www.nap.edu.au/

Pre-Service Teachers

For the next two weeks the staffroom at St Vincent’s will double in size, as we welcome a number of Level One and Level Two pre-service teachers to the school. There will be a number of opportunities for the students to help out in all areas of the school. They will spend time in classrooms, the library and with individual teachers. They will help out with Club4kids, assist with the Cross Country, Mother’s Day stall and even attend some class excursions!

St Vincent’s Publishing House

Are you available to assist with the publishing of student writing? If so, we could really use your help! All 189 students at St Vincent’s are required to publish at least two pieces of writing each term, and some students (along with their teachers) could really use an extra set of hands. If this sounds like the volunteering job for you, please come and see either Rita Evans or myself and we can brief you on how you can help.

Have a great Term 2!

Lisa
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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Rohan H, Eden L
YEAR 1 BLUE: Grace F, Christopher N
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Grace C, Dion M
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Willow C, Menard L
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Indiana P, Olivia T
YEAR 5 BLUE: Tom T, Vincent H
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Sean’Hope C, Nate C
YEAR 6 BLUE: Harry N, Sarah D

BIRTHDAYS

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

Gwen H, Darcy E, Spencer E, Harry M
‘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)

**Term 2**

Welcome back to Term 2!

Term 2 will be filled with wonderful opportunities for us to celebrate together as a faith-filled community. We are blessed this term to be able to support our Year 2 students as they journey toward the prayerful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will begin next week with the Information Session and their Commitment Mass.

**Project Compassion**

Just a reminder that if you have a Project Compassion box it is time to return it to school so that our donations can be passed on to Caritas.

**Prayer Celebrations**

We look forward to learning more about how we are called to be true disciples of Jesus in Term 2, as we are guided through some more class Prayer Celebrations. We hope you are able to join us for these occasions.

**Important Dates – Term 2**

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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, 7 May in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**CANTEEN**

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

*The week’s soup will be Vegetable Soup-$1*
LGIDA Dance Studio (Aranda Scout Hall)
Beginner Dance Classes-Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm
BOYS AND GIRLS from age of 4 years Your first lesson is free!
Learn to Irish Dance like Emma from the Wiggles!
Children are dance for fun, fitness and public performances and competitions
You can start anytime during the term! Fees are allocated from starting date!
For further enquiries please contact Liz Gregory T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G –
Phone: 0419 225195 Email: lgida52@hotmail.com

St Joseph’s Early Learning Centre
Boronia Drive, O’Connor
Regional Catholic preschool for St Joseph’s, Rosary,
St Michael’s, St Thomas More’s and St Vincent’s
Open Session
Tuesday, 2nd May
9:00 am — 11:00 am
Information Session
Tuesday, 2nd May
5:00 pm —6:00 pm
2018 Enrolment Period
Monday 1 May - Friday 19 May
Enquiries to: 6257 2990 or
director.elcsjo@cg.catholic.edu.au
Growing in excellence within
a Christ-centred community
This term we are thinking about how to ‘get along’ with others. The students will talk about the differences between friendly and unfriendly behaviours and identify the qualities they want to see in a friend.

Students who are doing well in their school work and are happy are good at getting along with others and display some of the following qualities:

- Solve problems and conflicts without fighting
- Work well with others
- Follow important school (and home) rules
- Do nice things for others

Sometimes it takes a while to learn how to ‘get along’. One of the reasons young people go to school is to learn how to get along with others. As we get better at this we can also develop these qualities:

- Controlling our temper
- Helping others with their work
- Listening to others
- Giving compliments

What is a friend?

A friend is a person we like because that person treats us nicely and because we have fun when we are with that person. Friends can be boys or girls of any age. To have good friendships, students must learn to be good friends to others. They must treat their friends the way they would want their friends to treat them. This means they must practice friendly behaviours. We should use ‘getting along’ behaviours even with people we do not like. In our next article we will look at some of these behaviours.

Older students will also discuss ‘fair weather friends’ and ‘true blue friends’. A fair weather friend is someone who treats us nicely when things are going well but abandons us when we have a problem or need their help. A true blue friend is a person who sticks with us even when we have problems. There are certain behaviours associated with these different types of friends.
ACT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & EARLY LEARNING CENTRES ENROLLING NOW 1-19 MAY

VISIT ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: GREAT LEARNING, GREAT COMMUNITIES
Wondering what to do on your Wednesday off preschool?

St Vincent’s Primary School ARANDA invites all children aged 0 – 4 and their parents to...

**Club 4 Kids Playgroup**

every Wednesday 9.30 -11am

Free sessions … bring a snack and drink.

Opportunities to wonder, explore and investigate our world!

Parents must stay, younger siblings welcome.

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All children in area* are welcome!

*Area includes Aranda, Macquarie, Cook, Bruce, Belconnen and all existing families

Coordinator: Jacinta Putt

Contact: 6251 2442