FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

Welcome to Semester 2

I hope that you and your children enjoyed the holiday break and were able to keep warm and healthy. We have certainly come back to very cold weather and I do ask that your children have jumpers, coats and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Experience, Share, Learn – Arrernte

We were blessed on the last day of Term 2 with a perfect blue sky day for the pole painting and opening of our aboriginal garden. A genuine thankyou to Mr Justin Boney (dad of Kalari K/1Y) who worked with every child to help decorate the house poles. It was a pleasure to host Chris Daly during the opening. Chris was instrumental in the planning and formation for this garden and following the opening we discussed future plans such as further planting and additions to create sensory play areas for the children. Once the weather improves the names of the House teams will be stenciled onto the poles. Part of the opening ceremony included students making a pledge to care and watch over this Indigenous garden to honour and respect it just as Indigenous have respected and cared for our land for thousands of years. To conclude our celebration the Year 6 leaders were invited to lead their House Team through a favourite team chant. As you might imagine this was done with loads of passion and sound from every team member! If you happen to be on the school grounds please take a walk through the garden space...you are always welcome.

NAIDOC WEEK MASS

Our Indigenous students and a selected friend, will accompany myself and Miss Crivici at this year’s NAIDOC Mass to be celebrated on Friday 22nd July at St. Christopher’s Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to experience the spirituality and depth of Aboriginal connection to country.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fee Invoices along with Building Fund Statements for the financial year 2015/16 went home with your eldest child yesterday. School fees are due by Friday, 19 August.
WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE...

The last day of term in the canteen was always going to busy. What was unexpected was the absence of our manager Bronwyn due to a family emergency (thankfully all is well now in the Smith family). A huge thankyou to Louise Georgiadis who filled in during Bronwyn’s absence at short notice along with Jacinta Putt. What made this difficult situation even more so was the lack of helpers. This brings me to the ongoing issue of the scarcity of canteen volunteers. The children love Canteen each week and we want to be able to provide this service for them each Friday. To run successfully we need four volunteers each week between 9 and 2pm. Please note volunteers do not need to be there the whole time, eg tag team or shifts would work also. At the end of last term every family was emailed the Canteen Roster and Term Calendar. Knowing what week your child’s class is ‘rostered on’ gives you the chance to plan ahead to do one stint per term. Our lovely canteen manager Bronwyn welcomes all helpers and will organise menus and stock, all you need to do is be her helper. Thankyou to all who have assisted in the canteen this year and if you haven’t been able to help before this term now is your chance!

…AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE

KidsMatter

Last term we were blessed with many parent helpers who volunteered their expertise for the benefit of St Vincent families. Everyone helps makes a difference; reading helpers, Club4Kids, book covering, .....This term Dione and Angela will continue to give you some insights into our KidsMatter program. I hope the articles they prepare for you are of assistance to you in your role as parents.

CONFIRMATION information evening

I look forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 parents of children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation tonight. I will have tea/coffee ready to warm you up before the meeting (and during if you wish) The session will commence at 6.30pm in the School Library.

Club4Kids

Attached to this newsletter is the Term 3 Club4Kids brochure. Sessions are held every Wednesday morning and this term I am excited about the opportunities for our youngest children. Working with me will be parent and Assistant Professor Early Childhood and Primary Education Faculty of Education, Kym Simoncini. Our sessions are based around Science, Technology & Mathematics. I see many good times ahead.

Have you had a chance to drive through the Arboretum lately? Some of the trees are dressed with warm woolly scarves much like us! These pictures make me smile, giggle a little too.

Wishing you and your children all the very best for a productive third term. Please know that you can contact me at any time if you need.

Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you all for your support of St Vincent’s.

Lina Vigliotta

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to Term 3, we have more exciting activities and events planned for your children this term.

Gymnastics
On Monday, we were supposed to be starting an 8 week Gymnastics program, run by Activated Group. Unfortunately, there was a mix up with dates and the program will now run on Mondays in Weeks 3 – 10. Children are to wear their sports uniforms on Mondays please.

RLSS Swim and Survive Program
St Vincent’s will once again participate in the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Swim and Survive Program at CISAC Belconnen. The program is scheduled for Weeks 8 & 9 of this term and further information will be handed out to families in the coming weeks. This year, we are trialling a new structure for the lessons. Instead of a half hour lesson each day over the 5-day week, we will be having four forty minute lessons that will run from Tuesday – Friday. Therefore, there will be no swimming on Mondays.

Excursions and Incursions
In the coming weeks, St Vincent’s students are attending a number of excursions and incursions. We are proud of the way our students conduct themselves when they are outside the school grounds with members of the public and excursion hosts often commenting on how impressed they are with the behaviour of our students. Next Tuesday, the whole school will attend the ‘Noteworthy’ performance at the ANU School of Music, on Wednesday we welcome to our school Indigenous Performer, Fred Reid and on Thursday our 5/6 classes are off to the National Capital Planning Centre and 5 students will represent St Vincent’s at the Interschools Snowsports Championships at Perisher ski resort.

ICAS Digital Technologies and Science Competition
Several students from St Vincent’s have participated in the ICAS competitions. The final results for the school for these competitions have been awarded as follows:
Digital Technologies: 1 Distinction, 2 Credits and 4 Participation certificates
Science: 2 Credits, 1 Merit and 4 Participation awards
Certificates will be handed out to the participating students in the coming weeks.

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

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this week’s awards
K/1 YELLOW: Evie W, Finn M
K/1 BLUE: Darcy E, Dakota C
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Olive H, Daisy C
YEAR 3 BLUE: Tara S, Bronson M
YEAR 4 YELLOW: Lara S, Nate C
YEAR 4 BLUE: Kiera B, Josie A
YEAR 5/6 BLUE: Connor S, Vienna G
YEAR 5/6 YELLOW: Lachlan S, Jordan F

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week:
Mohammad K, Angus P, Ella K, Shubnoor K, Elle S
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NAIDOC Week
NAIDOC week was celebrated in the first full week of July. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

CONFIRMATION – Key dates for diaries
Parent Information Night – Tonight, Thursday 21 July at 6:30pm in the School Library.
Retreat Day and Prayer Night – Thursday, 25 August (Week 6 Term 3).
Reconciliation – Saturday, 27 August (Week 6 Term 3) at 6:00pm at St Vincent’s Church.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
Parish / School Mass
This Saturday, 23 July, we are having a Parish/School Mass at 6pm. This will be combined with the Commitment Mass for the students that are making their Confirmation. I encourage you to come along and join with the parishioners of St Vincent’s to make our relationship even stronger.

Class Mass – Friday, 29 July, 9:30am at St Vincent’s Parish Church for 2 Yellow and 4 Yellow students and families.

Prayer Focus Assembly – Friday, 5 August at St Vincent’s Parish Church at 9:00am. Year 4 Yellow will lead us in prayer with the focus on the ‘spiritual works Mercy.’

All the best for the Term ahead,
Hamish Meagher
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH
CHILDREN’S LITURGY
The next Children’s Liturgy will be held on Sunday, 7 August in the Parish Centre during Sunday Mass (10am).
Everyone welcome!

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s special is: Baked Potatoes for $4.00 with the choice of one of the following:
- Bolognese and cheese
- Baked Beans and cheese
- Sour cream, cheese, ham and chives

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ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT
How much do you know about the beer?
Back by popular demand for the second time this year is the St Vincent’s Ale Appreciation Night.
Parents and friends are invited to taste and learn about a selection of beers from around the world from our local brewer extraordinaire Charlie Newton.

When: Friday, 5 August at 7:00pm
Where: St Vincent’s
Cost: $25 - Includes pizza and beer tastings. This is a not for profit event.
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au
BOOK CLUB
We apologise for the short notice but Scholastic Book Club is due back next Tuesday, 26 July. No late orders can be accepted.
Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PEER SUPPORT SESSION 6
Solving problems and coming up with alternative solutions is an important life skill the our children will explore during Peer Support this week. They will spend time considering the importance of including others in games and activities. Continue to encourage your children to include others when they are playing at school as well as with friends at home.
Sam Beattie

In Term 1 we welcomed Connie Confidence, Oscar Organisation, Ricky Resilience, Peter Persistence, and Gabby Get Along to St Vincent’s, as part of the You Can Do It program. This program promotes the social and emotional wellbeing of our whole school community by seeking to create and encourage these skills via material and activities that are stimulating and age-appropriate.

Our classes have recently spent time exploring ways to understand and practice getting along. This term we will begin focusing on organisation. In the classroom there will be discussions around what organisation means and how being organised helps us to be successful. Students will learn about how setting goals helps them to be successful.

Being Organised
I set goals to do my best
I listen carefully to what my teacher says
I make sure I have enough time to get things done
I don’t waste time
I put things in their proper place so I can find them

Something to try at home:
Practice setting a goal with your kids and achieving it. For example, getting ready for school on time in the morning or saving up enough money for a new game. Younger kids might draw a picture and list one or two things they will do to reach their goal. Older kids can begin to think about short and long term goals and time planning.

11AM – 3PM
SUNDAY
18 SEPTEMBER 2016
THE COUNT DOWN IS ON

59 days to Roller Fete!
Check in on our website stvincentsfete.com to watch the days click down. The website has everything you need to know about all things Roller Fete.

Volunteers—There are all kinds of jobs that will need doing before, during and after the fete. Our school needs your help. Put your hand up by contacting fete coordinators Justine Molony (justinemolony@bigpond.com) or Wendy Read (wendyread@grapevine.com.au).

White Elephant Dreaming—Don’t forget: White Elephant Muster, THIS SATURDAY, 23 July between 10 am and 2 pm. Bring donations to the White Elephant Dreaming Collection Centre (metal shed behind the presbytery, access from the top carpark). We’ll be there to receive your goods and store them with the gratitude and respect they deserve, before selling them for Bargain Basement prices on fete day.
Consider donating: junk jewellery and jewellery boxes; hand bags, scarves and hats; toys; kitchen ware (cups, saucers, plates bowls, mugs, platters, dishers); tools and DIY bits and pieces; hobby and craft gear; musical instruments; mirrors; desk lamps ... the list is endless!

Kids Matter
Wondering what to do on your Wednesday off preschool?

St Vincent’s Primary School ARANDA invites all 4 & 5 years olds and their parents to...

**Club 4 kids...**

**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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Booking is easy! Go to [svdp.act.edu.au](http://svdp.act.edu.au) and click on the Club4Kids link or scan the QR code

1. Select the date range from 27 July to 14 September 2016
2. Select ‘Club 4 Kids’ from the dropdown menu and then click Search
3. Click the enable multi-booking button to book into more than one activity
4. Click the Book button and enter your contact details.
5. A confirmation email will be sent to you and the school once your booking is complete.

All 4 & 5 year olds in area* are welcome!

*Area includes Aranda, Macquarie, Cook, Bruce, Belconnen and all existing families
23 June 2016

TO: PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity