FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

I hope that the Easter break ahead offers you opportunities for relaxation and spending some time engaged in interesting activities with your children as we take a short break from school routines. The school will be quite busy during the break with gardening and pavers replaced in readiness for our Open Day and Enrolment in the first weeks of term.

The Easter break is also a further opportunity to reflect on the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the hope that comes with the Resurrection. Please take time to travel the Easter journey with your child. Included in this newsletter are the times for the ceremonies at the St Vincent’s Church. My wish is for you to enjoy a restful Easter in your parish community and especially with your families.

As we conclude a remarkably busy yet highly productive Term 1, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you for your support and encouragement so generously given to myself and St Vincent’s staff.

Lina Vigliotta
lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au

DEFENCE APPRECIATION DAY

What a magnificent day the students of St Vincent’s were treated to last Friday as part of Defence Appreciation Day. Sincere thanks to all involved and a special mention to our very own families: Susie Morris, Anne Taylor, Amber Malcolm, Craig Malcolm, Adam Olding, Dan Howarth, Alison Smallwood, Meegan Olding and Richard Smallwood for willingly giving up their time to share with us their passion and expertise. We trust that our donation to SoldierOn will help to support men and women who have served our country.
The Term 2 school calendar is attached to this newsletter and can also be located on our school’s website and the skoolbag app. Please keep it handy and refer to it next term for upcoming events and information you might need. Any changes are advised on the calendar on the website. Please check that site regularly.

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 the Term 2. Our Open Day will be on Tuesday, 16 May 9.30am – 11am and from 4 – 6pm.

Congratulations to Amber and Craig Malcolm on the arrival of their daughter Paige Elizabeth Malcolm. Big brother Connor in KY is very excited about the new arrival to his family.

From the beginning of next term, Wednesday 26 April, all children will be wearing their school winter uniform. The Clothing Pool is available to families who would like to purchase pre-loved items of the winter uniform.

Winter Uniform

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Yesterday, after lunch play, our students came together to enjoy the Easter raffle draw. With over 160 prizes on offer, coordinator Louise Georgiadis secured the service of Mr Easter Rabbit who ensured that students who didn’t win one of the prize baskets did receive an egg. An enormous thankyou to Louise and her helpers. Your work “for the kids” is much appreciated.

YEAR ONE celebrated with family and staff this morning sharing results of their hard work this term. They were so very proud to share their written text and were presented with a Special Recognition award. Keep writing children. Your stories are a pleasure to read.
Over the past couple of weeks Year 6 has been learning about trade routes to Asia. We have been working on a project for a metaphorical business. We were set with a task to create a business with the purpose of designing and selling a product to an Asian country. We showcased this to our families today. Last week Year 6 went on an excursion to OnTheGo (the place where Year 6 leadership shirts are made). The staff at OnTheGo talked to Year 6 about their project and gave them tips about running a business. Year 6 asked questions which helped them with their project design. Year 6 had a great time and were excited with the feedback from the owners Chris and Mark.

Harry Nielson

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STUDENT VOICE

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ST VINCENTS PARISH EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday: Mass 7pm.
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11am & Passion of the Lord Commemoration 3pm.
Easter Vigil: Mass at 7pm.
Easter Sunday: Mass 10am & Korean Mass 12noon.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of Term One and what a terrific term it has been! I think I can safely say that students, teachers and parents are ready for the Easter Break. Enjoy the time you have with your families, enjoy staying in your pyjamas until lunchtime if you can and enjoy the cool yet sunny Autumn weather that Canberra is blessed with.

NAPOnline Parent Evening

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. Tonight we will be holding an Information Session 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.

Join me in the library

Tonight, 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.

Book Castle

Thank you again for your continued support and donations to our Book Castle. Here are some photos of its development. I know it doesn’t look that big in the picture but it sure is growing! Several students have said to me that a big clean-up of their book shelves at home will result in a boost of books next term. Keep them coming!

Helpers Wanted

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.

With best wishes for a happy and holy Easter. Safe travels for those who are going away, please return to us safely!

Lisa

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Jewel J, Ashni S
YEAR 1 BLUE: Hannah M, Zara M
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Aarav G, Spencer E
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Elle S, William P, Josh N
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Kuer D, Tobias M
 YEAR 5 BLUE: Gwen H, Tom T, James H
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Sophie H, Riley B, Nell H
YEAR 6 BLUE: Julius M, Aliei A

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week and throughout the school holidays:

‘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)

Holy Week Prayer

On Friday, 7 April, we will be holding prayer for Holy Week using the story of ‘Christ’s Passion’. Some of our Year Five and Six students will be leading this prayer.

We are inviting all parents, family and community members to join us on Friday, 7 April at 9:15am.

An Easter Reflection....

What the resurrection of Jesus promises, is that things can always be new again.

It’s never too late to start over.

Nothing is irrevocable.

No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable.

Every form of death can be overcome.

There isn’t any loss that can’t be redeemed.

Every day is now.

“The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us even if we give up on ourselves”

Project Compassion

Just a reminder that if you have a Project Compassion box and it has become full you can return those to school at any time. 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.

Sacramental News

Information has been distributed to the Year 2 children in regards to Reconciliation for 2017. Important dates are below:

Parent Information Night - Tuesday 2 May – 6pm – All enrolment information and forms will be distributed at this important session.

Reconciliation Enrolment and Commitment Mass - Sunday 7 May (Coincides with Whole School/Parish Mass and Picnic)

Reconciliation Retreat Day – Tuesday 20 June

Reconciliation – WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Peace and best wishes,

Luke Maher

Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH

Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, 16 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

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy**
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 dance for fun, fitness and public performances and competitions
You can start anytime during the term! Fees are allocated from starting date!

*For further enquires please contact Liz Gregory T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G –*
*Phone: 0419 225195  Email: lgida52@hotmail.com*

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**NAA**

**HANDS-ON AT THE ARCHIVES**

April school holiday workshops

Monday 10 to Thursday 13 April | 10am–12pm

Visit the Archives in the April school holidays for creative workshops inspired by our historical collection!

From family history fun to creative nature play, there will be a different workshop every day.

Suitable for children 9–12 years of age.

$20 per child per workshop, bookings essential.

Please call our events team on (02) 6212 3956 or via email at: events@naa.gov.au for more information.