FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thanks to those community members who attended last week’s Open School Community Council meeting. Your insights into our processes and your questions about current activities, policies and funds gave us the opportunity to consider those things critically and ask important questions of ourselves. The SCC and the school community can only benefit from that kind of dialogue.

Chair of the SCC, Richard Milczarek, brought up the need for renewal of the SCC membership due to the departure of several people. Importantly, we will be seeking a new Treasurer for next year to step in for Wendy Read, who has done such wonderful work over the last few years. If you are interested in joining the committee as an officer or parent representative, please get in touch with Lina or Richard.

Lina Vignoli’s Principal’s Report is the part of the SCC agenda that ultimately drives the business of the Council. It is as a result of her reporting of the activities within the teaching program at St Vincent’s that allows the Council to determine where and how it can contribute to enhance the environment in which our children are learning. It is fascinating to hear of the varied happenings occurring in the school on a daily basis – from innovations in literacy and numeracy to progress in music and coding – our children’s days are full and productive. It’s always clear from Lina’s report that the learning at St Vincent’s happens in a loving and supportive environment under the guidance of exceptional teachers. Of course, this Newsletter also gives a weekly overview of events at the school, so keep reading!

Last week’s Newsletter announced a change to streamline the process of delivering our beloved canteen service each Friday. From next week, all online canteen orders will need to be in by 5pm Wednesday – late orders will need to be submitted by hand on Friday morning. The canteen is treasured by the children, who look forward to and enjoy using it each week. Canteen manager Bronwyn Smith and the Canteen Committee work so hard to make sure the food is of a high quality, the treats are exactly that and the children are greeted as valued customers. Please give our canteen your support in whatever way you are able – don’t forget the free lunch voucher for volunteers!

Despite last week being an ‘open’ meeting, we all left with one big secret to keep. The queen of fundraising innovation, Louise Georgiadis, has come up with an idea so radical, so awesome, so colourful and so fun it’s been stamped TOP SECRET and absolutely cannot be shared with anyone. All I can say is, the walkathon will never be the same again ... keep watching the newsletters for more details.

Justine Molony
SCC Secretary
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Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

The St Vincent’s Mini Vinnies Team is a group of students from Years 4 to 6 who work together to help those in need within our school and local community. By participating in the St Vincent’s Mini Vinnies Team, students are introduced to social justice issues, the St Vincent de Paul Society and living faith through positive action.

Last Friday, St Vincent’s was a sea of pyjamas as the school’s Mini Vinnies group organised gold coin and winter woollies donations to go towards helping our local charter of the St Vincent de Paul Society to help those sleeping rough.

Mini Vinnie’s President Sarah, said the group wanted to help those less fortunate. “It’s for the homeless, so a pyjama day, clothing that is comfortable and warm, seemed appropriate.”

It was inspiring to speak with the entire Mini Vinnie’s leadership team following the event and hear their perspective of the days event:

‘Wearing our Pj’s is our way of expressing to the homeless to keep warm’. Amelia

‘The day was an opportunity for students to get out of their uniform and enjoy themselves. ‘It’s a fun day and we know it helps others.’ Lottie

‘Our day encourages others to tell people to donate. Good deeds and acts of kindness make a difference.’ Maria

‘Giving warm clothes and wearing pyjamas reminded the children that everyone has a right to sleep comfortably.’ Linh and Matilda

‘It reminds us that to respect the fact that not everyone has what we have.’ Sasha.

I thank Luke Maher for his work with the Mini Vinnies group. As an inaugural event for the group it certainly sets a precedence for the successful future of social justice at St Vincent’s and provides a perfect opportunity to model how our students are ‘Called to Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus’.

A final word from our Mini Vinnies:

Let’s not take things for granted.
Let’s not focus on what we want
Let’s focus on what we need.

Lina Vigliotta
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Canteen News

A gentle reminder that commencing next week all canteen orders made through flexischools will be due on the Wednesday at 5pm. We trust that as your family sets its meal plans for the week, it will become a usual practice to order your children’s lunch order for the Friday online. Paper bag orders will continue to be accepted, although ordering through flexischools is preferred.

Thankyou for supporting the goodwill of our school canteen. This is a non profit venture and we are committed to retaining the canteen as a service to our families. Assistance on a Friday is always welcome and much appreciated.

Bronwyn

Hats On

Remember the month of August is Hats On!

Fathers’ Day Breakfast 2017

Keep the Date Free

Let’s all come together and celebrate all those wonderful fathers in our St Vincent’s community.

To all those fathers, grandfathers and all male role models out there, please come along with your children to our Family Fathers’ Day BREAKFAST. It will be held on FRIDAY, 1 September (Week 7). There will also be the opportunity to have a look through your child/children’s class rooms from 8.40 – 9.00am.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ruchika and Raghav Gulati on the birth of their daughter, Naina born 1 August. Big brother Aarav is very proud and excited to share the news with our school community.

What’s been happening in Club 4 Kids?

This week, some of our Year 6 leaders visited playgroup to demonstrate “Sphero Bots” and “M Bots”. The play groupers also got the chance to drive these speedy robots for our Cars Week theme.

If your 0-4 year old is free on Wednesdays, then come and join us for some fun.

Jacinta Putt
Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the things I love about my job is that I get to work with students in their classrooms every single day! I listen to students read, conference with them about their writing, help them to solve maths problems and challenge them with their thinking. St Vincent’s is such an exciting place to work and it is wonderful to see the students working together, asking great questions and accepting challenges.

Challenging Learning Conference

Today Lina, Luke and myself are at a conference. We are listening to speaker James Nottingham, creator of the Learning Challenge, which involves students being in a pit of learning! The Learning Pit is an amazing place to be, it is a confusion zone where mistakes are made but embraced and you have to work confidently, collaboratively and creatively to get out of it! Students feel empowered and want to learn more when they reach that ‘Eureka’ point.

Book Reviews – Year 2

**Enid Blyton’s The Magic Faraway Tree Series by Jacob D**

These books are about kids that move to the countryside. They find a wood where the trees whisper to each other. They find the biggest tree in the wood and climb it and they meet all these different people. Sometimes they go to lands at the top of the tree up in the clouds! I enjoy reading these books because I like adventure stories and there’s different things happening all the time. I give it 4 out of 5 because it’s a good book and if you like adventure stories you will really like these books. I think they are good books for boys and girls who are in Year 2 or above.

**Anh Do’s Weirdo Series by Sebastian S**

I enjoy reading the Weirdo books because they are silly, weird and funny. The books are written by Anh Do. They are good for children who are about 7 or 8 but adults could read them too. I give the books 4.5 out of 5 because they are good books to read and there are funny pictures in them to help tell the story.

With best wishes always,

Lisa  lisa.harris@cg.catholic.edu.au

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**AWARDS**

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER YELLOW:** Sofia J, Ashni S, Paul R  
**YEAR 1 BLUE:** Oliver H, Harriet B  
**YEAR 2 YELLOW:** Rushil F, Finn M  
**YEAR 3/4 BLUE:** Lachlan G, Farrah B  
**YEAR 3/4 YELLOW:** Mia K, Tobias M, Phoebe M  
**YEAR 5 BLUE:** Gwen H, Flynn R  
**YEAR 5 YELLOW:** Charlotte N, Riley B  
**YEAR 6 BLUE:** Anika P, Maria G

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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

Max R, Juno P, Linh T, Siddhak A
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)

**Class Mass**

Tomorrow Friday 4 August, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be attending the Friday morning Mass at 9:30am in the Church. Please note that all members of the school community are very welcome to join us at these celebrations.

**Amalgamation of Aranda and Page Parishes**

You may or may not be aware that a merging process has begun of the two parishes of Aranda and Page. The decision on the amalgamation of the two parishes will be made by the Council of Priests on the 31 August, 2017. The Archbishop will be visiting the two parishes on Wednesday, 16 August at 7pm at St Matthew’s Church, Page. If you would like to hear more about this process, please come along on the 16 August.

**Important Dates – Term 3**

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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, this Sunday 6 August in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**CANTEEN**


This Week’s Specials are:
- Potato & Leek Soup – $1.00
- Sausage Hotpot with Rice – $4.00

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Commencing Wednesday, 9 August all orders made through Flexischools will be due on WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM.
In 2015, St Vincent’s received 15 free new bikes as part of the ACT Government Ride or Walk to School Program. The Ride or Walk to School initiative aims to increase walking, cycling among school students in the ACT. St Vincent’s received bikes, helmets and maintenance support kits.

As part of our commitment to the Ride or Walk to School program, we have been taking students on off-site cycling excursions on a weekly basis. The purpose of these excursions is to build confidence, practice skills and encourage physical activity. The rides are held at lunchtime on Wednesdays.

During these rides Jeff Dau and myself take students from Years 3 – 6 on a range of rides in and around our beautiful landscape. Gossan Hill, O’Connor Ridge and adventures in and around the Belconnen area have been enjoyed by all.

Hamish Meagher
Health and Wellbeing at St Vincent's

Sport

Athletics Carnival
Well done to all our children who participated in the School Athletics Carnival. We had so many children “giving it a go” and special mention to the younger kids who even ran a 200 metre event. Notes will go home today to our children who have made it through to the Belconnen Zone Carnival.

Ribbon Presentation at tomorrow’s Assembly
All Kindergarten, Year 1 and 7 yr olds who were at the Carnival and/or participated in an event in class time will be awarded a participation ribbon. 1st, 2nd, 3rd ribbons will be awarded from 8yrs and above for overall placings not results from heats.

Catholic School’s Netball Carnival - Saturday, 14 October 2017 at the Calwell Playing Fields.
Expressions of interest will be given to students tomorrow - Friday 4 August. Each team will need a coach, Manager and Umpire – please let Lynne Hellyer know if you can help.

Eating our Way to the Future
by Lisa Donaldson APD

Dairy
- Calcium is essential for growing bones and bodies
- Children aged 2-8 years need between 1 1/2—2 serves dairy (or dairy alternatives) each day
- A dairy snack is a great way to boost calcium intake

Fruit
- Make fruit easy to eat for younger kids
- Small plastic tubs and zip lock bags
- Children aged 2-8 years need between 1-1 1/2 serves fruit each day
- Whole fruit preferable over fruit juice
SNACKS
- Young children have small stomachs and will need small snacks in between meals
- Choose cereal bars which are wholegrain, low in added refined sugar and have a natural list of ingredients

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES
**TIP:** Include a main lunch (eg sandwich), a dairy snack, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water

BOOST THE NUTRITION
Shop carefully, minimally processed foods.
Eat breakfast and eat more vegetables

CHANGE BEHAVIOURS
- Limit takeaway foods
- Planning and Organisation
- Happy meal times
- Eat with TV off at the dining table
All people, young and old alike, have choices about the way they think when they are faced with a difficult task. The two different ways of thinking are “I Can Do It” (green light thinking) and I Can’t Do It (red light thinking). Green light thinking means that you think you are more likely to be successful than unsuccessful. Believing you can do something is not always a guarantee that you will be able to do it. Success comes from having enough skill and doing enough practise. However, believing you can do something increases the likelihood that you will keep trying and, therefore, you will be more likely to succeed. Red light thinking means that you think that not only are you not likely to be successful, but that you never will be. Sometimes even though you might believe you can’t do something, you actually can.

It is important to have the idea that if something is hard to do, then with effort, success will be easier to achieve. We call this type of thinking “Giving Effort”. Successful people rarely rely on luck but usually have put lots of effort into reaching their goals. Many successful people, including successful students, use “Giving Effort” thoughts or self-talk to reach their goals. Choosing to believe that their success is due to luck or the ease of the task may cause students to lose their motivation. Believing their success was due to the fact that they worked hard and put in a great amount of effort will increase their motivation to work hard in the future.

BOOK WEEK 2017

DRESS UP

Wednesday, 23 August

Dress up as a character from a book.
All students are invited to join our dress up parade.
Come to school in your dress up.
The theme for Book Week this year is:

ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

You can dress up as a character from an Australian story or a character from another story. You can use cardboard, cloth, clothes, hats, coloured paper or whatever you can find to create your dress up.

Remember, you must wear shoes.

When: Wednesday, 23 August
Where: In the school hall
Time: 9.15 am

This day is also Fun Food Day – what a wonderful day we are going to share together.

Susan Ashmore, Librarian

News Flash

If you are looking for ideas or costume pieces contact the Salvos Stores. I have heard that they are supporting book week.
BOOK FAIR AT THE LIBRARY

VISITING TIMES

Students: visit with their class. They can also visit with their families

Families:  
8.30 – 8.50am Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 August 2017  
3.10 – 4.00pm Tuesday 16, Wednesday 16 August 2017

Support St. Vincent’s

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 15 August— Thursday, 17 August 2017

We are having Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic are displaying many of their books for us to look at. Students and families can buy any of these books.

♦ Students will visit the Book Fair in their class or with their family.
♦ Students write the title of the book and the price on a Wish List and take the Wish List home.
♦ Students will use the Wish List to purchase or order the books.

Support St Vincent’s Primary School

St Vincent’s Primary School receives SCHOLASTIC points for all books purchased.

These points are used to purchase reading books and school supplies.

How to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Fair

⇒ Come to the library and look at the books
   Fill in a Wish List

⇒ Place your Order
   Give your Wish List and cash to the Librarian at school
   or
   Give your Wish List with the online payment Receipt Number to the Librarian

⇒ Online Payment
   1 Go to scholastic.com.au/payment
   2 Click ‘Book Fairs’
   3 Enter amount and pay
   4 Record the Receipt Number on the back of the Wish List
   5 Give the Wish List and Receipt Number to the Librarian at School
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK

Start collecting stickers from Wednesday, 26 July until Tuesday, 19 September.

For every $10 that is spent, you will receive one sticker.

Once your sticker card is full, place it in the collection box in the Front Office.

All sticker sheets will count towards St Vincent’s purchasing school resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

Sticker Sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Thank you for your support

ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT

How much do you know about the beer?

Our local brew guy, Mr Charlie Newton is hosting the 6th biannual ‘Ale Appreciation Night.’

Parents and friends are invited to come along and be educated about the history and science behind a selection of ales.

We currently have a strong quorum of dedicated members and would welcome any keen St Vincentian to join us!

(This is a not for profit event)

When: Friday, 25 August at 7:00pm
Where: St Vincent’s
Cost: $20 - Includes pizza and beer tastings
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au

LARGE SAUCEPANS & GLASS JARS NEEDED FOR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS -Years 4-6

In Science week (Week 5), Years 4-6 will be growing crystals in large saucepans. So the experiments can take place safely, we are after any old large sized saucepans. If you have any lying around the house and would be able to part with them for good, we would love to have them! The children in these years will also need a glass jar with a lid.

Thank you for your help and support
Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Science Coordinator