FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Proving is good, Improving is better!

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,
I had the pleasure of attending a workshop with our school’s leadership team, Lisa and Luke last week. We were thrilled to listen to internationally acclaimed educationist and speaker James Nottingham.

I was particularly impressed by James who spoke passionately about fostering a growth mindset in students and adults by recognising and valuing progress over achievement. It’s not the grade that counts but more the student’s attitude and preparedness to work through challenges that will lead to long term success. Developing a culture where students openly learn from their mistakes is something that James highlighted and an important part of our work at St Vincent’s. He explained that through giving the children challenges we hope that they will end up in the learning pit. By this we mean that they will struggle and therefore develop the attitudes needed to find solutions, persevere and develop the characteristics of effective learning. The children are learning it is OK to ‘wobble’.

As a staff this week we discussed how we can improve the way we deliver feedback to students, and how to improve the way we go about helping students take more control over their learning through goal setting and conferences. You can help us by using some of the language we are adopting in our every day discussions. Instead of ‘How was your day?’, try asking ‘What was one thing you learnt at school today?’ or ‘What goal are you trying to achieve with your learning in class?’ These small adjustments will hopefully drive huge change in our learning results.

This time away from school engaging in professional learning is time well spent. I’m pleased to say the messages have been affirming and will lead to many positive changes for our children. Our school is definitely on course to show how that proving is good and improving is better!

FAREWELL

Tomorrow we farewell the Smallwood family from St Vincent’s who are making a career move to France. Our very best wishes go with Verity (6B), Elijah (5Y) and Sebastian (2Y) who will be missed terribly by us all. On behalf of the school community I thank Alison and Richard for their contribution to the life of St Vincent’s. Of particular mention is the time and work Alison has given to our community as the Parent Liaison contact and Richard for his efforts with our Defence Appreciation day. Thankyou and Au Revoir.

Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Lina Vigliotta
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Today over 30 of our students (Kinder – Yr 6) attended the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival at John Paul II College. These boys and girls have given up many lunchtime play sessions to rehearse for this BIG event. Under the musical direction of Mrs Marzano, they have demonstrated a real passion for singing, always looking for an opportunity to showcase their talent and love for singing. Our community have had the pleasure of the choir singing regularly at Friday Assembly’s. We wish them all the very best for today. In our eyes they are already stars!

At tomorrow’s morning Assembly, our community will be treated to the amazing talent of our school band. Under the direction of Kim Hughes they will entertain us with style. I had the pleasure of listening to the band during rehearsal time last Friday and was in awe of their progress. Please join us on Friday – like me I am sure you will leave the hall tapping your feet!

Every Tuesday at lunchtime this term our students are treated to free dance lessons by the crew from Kulture Break in our school hall. This initiative is possible by the Student Wellbeing grant we have been awarded and is a great opportunity for our children to be active even if the weather is cold outside. The students loved the experience and it was wonderful to receive an affirming email from the crew at the end of the day thanking us!

Our dance coaches would like to thank you for making them feel very honoured and welcomed to teach at your school yesterday. They had a blast teaching yesterday!

All canteen orders made through flexischools need to be made before 5pm on the Wednesday prior to canteen.

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
Since we are now in the month of August, students need to wear their hats when playing outside. Any student not wearing their hat for next week will be asked to sit in a shaded area.

Our children are encouraged to use the 3 steps response encouraging them to be proactive when in a situation that requires action.

3 steps response
1. Can you please stop... I don’t like it
2. I have asked you once, you need to stop or I will have to tell a teacher
3. I have asked you twice and now I am going to tell a teacher.

Tomorrow we launch our next Fun Food day! A flier will be coming home and all orders need to be in by Wednesday, 23rd August.

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.

Next week we are going experiment crazy for Science Week 2017. Everyone will have the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of science, with hands on activities in the hall, on Thursday and Friday. Years 5 and 6 will also participate in a live webinar with Rocket scientists. We will be hosting an MP for this event and CSIRO and ANU scientists. We are excited to be opening our Makerspace on Friday too. All students from Years 4-6 are asked to bring in a glass jar. If adults would like to come in and join in the fun with the students and hold a WWVP card, please contact Charlotte Fitzpatrick.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at a very exciting stage of teaching and learning at our little school! Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Robotics, Risk Taking and challenge can be seen in all classrooms and there are smiles all round. If I can quote the words Lina said to me the other day "Lisa, St Vincent's is a school that is really humming along!" I have been lucky to have attended a number of conferences over the past week that have affirmed and given me some ideas to continue the excitement!

James Nottingham

Last week I mentioned I was attending a conference in Sydney. It was delivered by James Nottingham founder of the “Learning Challenge” and the "Learning Pit" and he was amazing! His passion, knowledge and understanding of how students learn best is first class! Two of the key points that I came away with and would love to share with you are:

Challenge

Offer our students a challenge, say to them, "I can see you’re finding this really easy, let’s make things more interesting for you! Easy = Boring, Challenge = interesting. When people are in their comfort zone they are ‘doing’. When people are in a zone of confusion, they are 'learning!'

Preview

It is really important to allow our students to find out "what’s coming up next!" If we offer a preview and give students the opportunity to find out as much as they can before the next lesson their learning will double!

Leonie Anstey Numeracy Consultant

Yesterday, I attended a Numeracy conference with presenter Leonie Anstey. Leonie is working with all schools in our Archdiocese with the aim to improve students' learning in Mathematics. Leonie's key message is to allow students to have multiple entry points into a task. Not all students learn the same concept at the same rate but they all want success. Leonie works with teachers to create exciting lessons that allow for different stages of learning, with the intent that all students will experience success.

Kaye Lowe Literacy Consultant

Today I am at a Literacy conference with presenter Kaye Lowe. Kaye, like Leonie, is working with Archdiocesan schools but in the area of Literacy. It is affirming to hear Kaye praise our school for where we are at in our Literacy journey. The books our students are reading are good fit books, all students are writing and publishing some amazing pieces of work.

Have a great weekend! It is my birthday on Sunday and I am going Skiing!!!!!! 🎿❄️

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AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: Leon G, Olivia S
YEAR 1 BLUE: Grace F, Lucas K
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Darcy E, Achiik K
YEAR 3/YEAR 4 BLUE: Chloe D, Alice H
YEAR 3/YEAR 4 YELLOW: Harry M, Kuer D, Sofia G
YEAR 5 BLUE: Ella K, Sharadda S
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Lara D, Annie W
YEAR 6 BLUE: Verity S, Sarah D

BIRTHDAYS

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

Prawal S, Deng A
On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast Day of Australia’s first saint. Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. She died in Sydney on the 8 August, 1909. Mary took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God’s will in all things, for her charity and for her abiding trust in God’s providence.

Mary MacKillop was a truly inspirational Australian who lived her life for the poor and needy – for those whom society rejected. Mary made a tremendous contribution to education in Australia by setting up many schools in the towns and in the outback of this land. She chose a life of poverty and simplicity.

**Mary MacKillop Prayer**

Ever generous God, you inspired St Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence And joining with St Mary MacKillop we ask that you grant our request.....

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**Canteen**


**NEXT Week’s Specials are:**

- Red Lentil and Spicy Pumpkin Soup-$1.00
- Spaghetti Bolognese-$4.00

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Reminder that all orders made through Flexischools will be due on WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM.
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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MERICI COLLEGE TALK AND TOUR

Come and experience the unique Merici College vibe centred on our community and Gospel values of faith, hope and love.

Visit our small, supportive environment that fosters a joy for learning and challenges your daughter her to achieve her personal best.

ENROL NOW FOR 2018 AND BEYOND!

For all families interested in learning more about Merici College. The Talk and Tour will consist of a brief introduction to the College by the Principal and a student-led tour while classes are in progress. There will be opportunities for parents, and their daughters, to ask questions both during, and after, the Talk and Tour has finished.

Two sessions will be held on Wednesday, 30 August: Session 1: 9.30am-11.00am; Session 2: 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Go to www.merici.college to register online.

ALE APPRECIATION NIGHT

How much do you know about 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
Cost: $20 - Includes pizza and beer tastings
Where: St Vincent’s
RSVP: hamish.meagher@cg.catholic.edu.au
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