FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining our students in Years 3-6 on their excursion to the National Museum of Australia. Joining the children and listening to their new learnings during their visit reminded me how fortunate we are in Canberra to have such high quality venues where we can take our children over the term break. The NMA is one I would highly recommend that you schedule into your term break activities coming up in the next few weeks.

Teachers are working hard to put the finishing touches to end of semester reports. These will be sent home on Thursday 22 June. The report provides information of the achievement of students between February and June this year. This style of reporting mandated by the Government is for all grades except Kindergarten who have a different grade allocation. St Vincent’s utilises the OnTrack package (as mandated by the Catholic Education Office, Canberra) and this year this has had some changes. Of note is the comment bank now at the end of the reports. I ask that as you prepare for reports coming home you remember:

- There are no predetermined number of A,B,C,D,E achievement levels to be allocated.
- Each curriculum area must have an overall achievement level.
- It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- The overall achievement level is for the whole curriculum area which may contain many strands, it is important to note that the overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of the strands.
- Comparative data for the grade scale is provided upon request.
- Parent/Teacher/Student interviews are held to supplement reports.
- Each year introduces different concepts and skills, which increase in difficulty from the previous year. It is therefore possible that your child’s achievement level in a particular curriculum area may change.

Following the report EVERY parent/family is expected to attend a 3-way conference. There will be an online booking system which opens tomorrow (please read the information section in Lisa Harris’ section of our newsletter). If you do not have access to a computer please call the Front Office to organise a time.

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

Lina Vigliotta
lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au
On Tuesday evening, Julius M from Year 6 proudly represented St Vincent’s as our Rostrum speaker in the quarter final heat at Macquarie PS. He engaged the audience with his presentation and humour and gave a sound description of future transport modes. Although Julius will not go onto the semi finals his name will be proudly engraved onto our very new Rostrum trophy which has been kindly donated by the Bowditch family.

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT MASTER CLASS**

A new opportunity is being offered by Catholic Education for all families to attend a Parental Engagement Master Class facilitated by Dr Debbie Pushor - a passionate advocate for authentic parent partnerships. Flyer attached to the end of this newsletter.

**REQUEST FOR HELPERS**

Next Friday afternoon June 23 we are keen to clear out the present council shed and move all items to our new container. If everyone gives a helping hand this job will be done in a very small amount of time. Please help us. Start time of 2.30pm, meeting in the Green Area.

**OPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Please save the date and join members of the Community Council for an open meeting the first meeting of next term Tuesday 25 July.

**TECHNOLOGY**

Under Sam Beattie’s leadership St Vincent’s will be hosting an interschool Coding Day on Friday. We are expecting to host 60 children from St Monica’s and Mother Theresa. Sam has worked hard to ensure this day is a viable success for all participants. During the day children will work on STEM related projects including Robotics, problem solving tasks and videogame development.
Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to finish Sabbath week with a long weekend. It has been a busy couple of weeks for many families, including my own, so it was nice to have that extra day to catch up on bits and pieces at home.

ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS
Parent, teacher and student interviews will take place on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 June (week 10). Booking times for interviews will go live to parents tomorrow; Friday 16 June at 9am. Please use the School Interviews online booking system to book a timeslot for your child/ren. Click on the link below or copy it into your browser to make a booking.


Code: uv8er

If you are experiencing difficulty when making a booking, please contact Nicole Watson in the Front Office who will be able to assist you. It is an expectation that all parents and students in Years K – 6 will attend these meetings.

BOOK SWAP
There are a number of new titles on our parent book swap shelf!! Please feel free to come and have a browse, take a book and if you can, replace it with a book you think another parent might enjoy.

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

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER YELLOW: James G, Evie S
YEAR 1 BLUE: Prawal S, Hannah M
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Monica H, Samuel W
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Daisy C, Lachlan G, Alice H
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Sofia G, Sarah M
YEAR 5 BLUE: Queenie P, Marcelo F
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Lara S, Sabrina T
YEAR 6 BLUE: Isabel F, Escha L

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

Julius M, Harry M, Connor M
First Reconciliation

Next Tuesday evening some of our St Vincent’s children will participate in their First Reconciliation. This is a special time in the life of the children as they celebrate God’s forgiveness through this sacrament. Congratulations to the families for their effort and for the support that has been given to each child.

As a community we pray that God’s blessings are upon them, not only at this time but each and every day of their lives.

A special thank you to their teacher, Mr Meagher, for his work in preparing these children.

 Forgiving God,
Bless these children as they continue to strive to make good choices in their relationships. May Jesus’ love surround them and guide them in all they do.

Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH
Children’s Liturgy will be held during 10am Mass, this Sunday, 18 June in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CAANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This Week’s Specials are: Chicken Noodle Soup-$1.00
Tuna Mornay (GF available)-$4.00

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TERM 2 in Year 6 Blue

This term, Year 6 Blue have been investigating the lives of people and the effect Immigration has had on shaping our Australian Nation. During our research we came across a program called 'Befriend a Child in Detention'. The program focuses on children around Australia sending letters of support and understanding to children living in detention centres whilst their families are processed. We found the program on a Behind the News episode and it moved us to immediately support all Children in Detention.

This Friday, Year 6 Blue will take part in the inaugural interschool Code Day with St Monica’s Primary Evatt and Mother Theresa Primary Harrison. The day will focus on STEM initiatives that will allow children the opportunity to explore their ever increasing knowledge in coding, programming and problem solving.

Year 6 have been learning about Earthquakes in Science. We have created websites using Google Sites to display all we have learnt. Check out the links below.

Term 2 has also seen Year 6 Blue continue developing their computer coding. We have created ‘Fresh Tastes’ Video Games to demonstrate our knowledge of the traffic light system of healthy food choices. Web links to some of our games are listed below.

In literacy each student has planned, drafted, and written their own original published stories. Our stories are available for reading in front of our class. You can use the Ipad App ‘Aurasma’ to find our augmented reality video clips explaining our stories.

Be sure to also check out the ‘The Tale of Two People’ by Samuel and Riley. Both are Scratch Coded comic adaptions prepared during our Publishing Week.

https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/145357637/
https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/159734920/

Web Links:

SCIENCE: Vienna - https://sites.google.com/cgstudents.catholic.edu.au/viennasearthquakesite/home
Maria - https://sites.google.com/cgstudents.catholic.edu.au/all-about-earthquakes/home

Sarah - https://Scratch.mit.edu/projects/163534744/
ST VINCENT’S SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year’s School photos are scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, 28 June.
All children will need to wear their winter school uniform on the day.

The photo envelopes went home this week and all children must return them either before the photo day or on the day. Please have a look in your child’s bag if you haven’t received it.

Again this year, families have the option of having a family sibling photo. Forms for these photos are available from the Front Office. Please note that these need to be paid to the school separately and cash or credit card are the only forms of payment accepted.

If you are a split family and require extra envelope, please contact the Front Office.

Thank you

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SPORTS NEWS

Zone and ACT Cross – Country Representatives
Congratulations to the following 4 students who participated in the ACT Cross – Country which was held yesterday, 13 June. We have heard back that each of them ran very well and we will publish their results once they are confirmed. Here is a reminder of where they finished at the Belconnen Zone. Top effort from each of them.

Zone Results
Mia K – 6th, Charlotte N – 4th, Jacob D – 3rd, Harry M – 4th

Belconnen Zone Netball
Congratulations to Sean’Hope who represented Belconnen Zone playing Netball last Thursday, 8 June. Seanie reports having a great time with her team.

Zone Hockey
Best of luck to Sarah D, Emma L and Claudia L who will be playing for Belconnen in the ACT Hockey championships tomorrow (Friday). We look forward to hearing how you went.

St Vincent’s Athletics Carnival – save the date
Our annual Carnival will be held on Tuesday 25th July. We will need parent help and a note will go out before the end of Term 2.

Save the Date-Catholic Schools Netball Carnival is SATURDAY, 28 October. Notes will come home early next term.

Lynne Hellyer, Sports Coordinator
Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to join us for an informative, engaging presentation on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Lisa Donaldson from Feed Inc will be coming to St Vincent’s to present an interactive workshop for parents that focuses on simple, cost effective ways to eat more healthily at home, including topics such as:

- Healthy lunchboxes
- Balanced meals
- Healthy snacks

When: THURSDAY 27 July
Time: 2.30pm
Where: School Library

Please email office.svdp@cg.catholic.edu.au

We hope to see you there

Fresh Taste Team

FRESH TASTE COMES TO ST VINCENT’S
On Friday all students were treated to Busy Broc and Posh Pear Dance Performance- that includes activities and challenges which aim to make fresh fruit and vegetables fun. This followed a 40 minute dance workshop with all students in Years 5/6.
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT
MASTER CLASS
LEADING THE WAY IN PARENT ENGAGEMENT

THIS FORUM IS INTENDED FOR:
TEACHERS • SCHOOL LEADERS • ARCHDIOCESEAN STAFF • PARENT LEADERS • EDUCATION OFFICE PERSONNEL • PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS NSW / ACT SCHOOLS • REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL SCHOOL SECTORS WELCOME TOO

GUEST SPEAKER
DR DEBBIE PUSHER
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN CANADA

DR DEBBIE PUSHER - PROFESSOR/RESEARCHER/AUTHOR/ADVOCATE
Debbie is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and is a passionate advocate for authentic parent partnerships. In Debbie’s early career she worked as a teacher, consultant, principal and central services administrator. It was her experiences as a parent of school aged children that caused her to engage in research and work for solutions around school and parent relationships. Debbie’s research program used stories of parent knowledge, parent engagement and leadership to develop opportunities for partnering and she has recently co-authored two books on parent engagement.

VENUE, DATE & TIME
MERICI COLLEGE
10 WISE ST, BRADDOCK
ACT 2612
19 JUNE
6.30PM

“EVERY STUDENT – EVERY HOME – EVERY SCHOOL”
THIS IS A FREE EVENT, TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

REGISTER NOW