FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent’s,

In last week’s newsletter, Lina announced that she would be taking two weeks Long-Service Leave. We wish Lina and her husband Michael an enjoyable trip overseas and we look forward to updates along the way and photos and stories upon her return in Week 1 of Term 4. During her absence, I will take on the role of Acting Principal.

Lina also spent 2 days at St Joseph’s Primary School in Boorowa this week, as part of a school registration panel. This is an important process all Catholic Systemic, Government and Independent schools undertake every five years. I will be part of a registration panel next term at St Patrick’s School in Cooma, this is a wonderful opportunity for schools to be commended for the areas that are going well and to make recommendations for areas that may require improvement. St Vincent’s will undergo registration next year in 2018.

Prayers Please

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Anna Marzano’s mother earlier this week.

I know that you will keep Anna, Tony, Michael and Sophia in your prayers at this time.

Father’s Day breakfast

Last Friday’s event saw over 150 Dads, Grandads and children being fed breakfast! The school band and Vinnie’s Voices kept everyone entertained and the food was delicious. Special thanks goes out to Wendy Read, Genny Newton, Justine Molony and Tamara Mahar for coordinating this important event for our community.

School Improvement Surveys

Thank you for taking the time to complete the school improvement survey for our school. We look forward to the feedback from the process which will inform us of what we are doing well and identify areas that we need to work on.

Swim and Survive Program

Next week, families will receive information and permission slips about the Royal Life Saving Society Swim and Survive program. The program will take place at CISAC Belconnen in Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 4. The program will consist of four 40 minute lessons during the week.

With warm wishes,

Lisa

lisa.harris@cg.catholic.edu.au
‘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)

Prayer Celebration – Unity in the Body of Christ
Tomorrow, Year 3/4 Yellow will be leading our school and parish community in prayer. All members of the school community are very welcome to join us at these celebrations. The Prayer Celebration tomorrow will begin at 9am in the Church and will conclude at 9:25am. If you are coming along to the Prayer Celebration tomorrow, please note that there is Mass at 9:30am which you are very welcome stay for.

First Eucharist News
Next week our First Eucharist candidates will conclude their preparation with their Retreat Day and then the celebration of the sacrament on Sunday. We keep all of these children and their families in our prayers over the coming week.

St Vincent de Paul Feast Day
The Feast day for St Vincent de Paul is Wednesday, 27 September this year and as this day falls in the holiday period we will be celebrating the feast day on Friday, 22 September (Week 10). Our feast day celebrations will include Mass at 9:30am with the whole school and parish community. Our school event for the feast day will be a ‘St Vincent’s Got Talent’ show. St Vincent’s Got Talent will be held from 12midday to 1pm on Friday, 22 September, we look forward to all the wonderful talent on show.

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, next Sunday, 17 September in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
Next week’s Specials are: Carrot and Ginger Soup-$1.00
Hamburger or Spicy Bean Burger (v)-$4.00

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PLEASE NOTE: Reminder that all orders made through Flexischools are due on WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM.
SPORTS NEWS

AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOLS SKIING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to Sean’Hope C who competed in the Australian Interschools Cross Country National Skiing Championships yesterday at Mount Buller in Victoria. Seah’Hope was competing in the Year 5 and 6 division and came 31st out of 45 competitors. What an achievement when she can compete in the same division next year! Well done!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
The netball teams have been arranged for the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival to be held on Saturday, 14 October at the Calwell Netball Courts. St Vincents will be entering five teams and further information will be sent home next week.

Lynne Hellyer

AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this week’s awards

KINDER YELLOW: Jewel J, Alex J
YEAR 1 BLUE: William T, Daniel O
YEAR 2 YELLOW: Imogen H, Aarav G
YEAR 3/4 BLUE: Daisy C, Willow C, Patrick B
YEAR 3/4 YELLOW: Taneisha P, Indiana P, Laroux C

Due to tomorrow’s Prayer Assembly these awards will be given out at Monday morning’s assembly.

YEAR 5 BLUE: George B, Claudia L
YEAR 5 YELLOW: Harry M, Linh T
YEAR 6 BLUE: Escha L, Riley B

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

Eliza B, Marcelo F
BIG SISTER SCIENCE DAY AT MERICI COLLEGE
YEARS 5 AND 6

The day we had at Merici was awesome! The experiments we did were blowing up a balloon with solid carbon dioxide. We saw how hot water makes water in a tube go up and cold water makes the water go down. We also lit a tea bag and saw it go up like a rocket! We had the best day ever. We thank Merici for having us at the 'Big Sister Science Day'. Also, the food was very appetizing!

By Linh Tuckey

Another part of the day was Sustainability, everyone enjoyed the greenhouse, planting silverbeet and the vegetable garden quiz was fun. While we were there, we learnt about different plants and chickens. We thank the students at Merici who have helped us learn a lot. They were very nice and welcoming. The food was delicious, we thank them for the invitation, we cannot thank Merici enough.

by Patrick Munn
ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN ENDS ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

For every $10 that is spent, you will receive one sticker. All stickers need to be handed in by Wednesday, 20 Sept. Every sticker counts, we need them all.

Thank you for your support

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Belconnen Little Athletics

Does your child like to run, jump and throw? If so, then little athletics could be the summer sport for you. The philosophy of little athletics is self-improvement in an environment promoting fun, family and fitness. The development of skills and fitness is encouraged in children of all abilities aged 5-17.

Belconnen Little Athletics, meets on Saturday mornings at Cook oval, commencing Saturday, 14 October. If you are not sure whether Little Athletics is for you, feel free to come and try for a couple of weeks before registering.

For more information:
- Visit our website www.bwlac.org.au
- Attend our registration days at the Cook Community Centre, 41 Templeton St on:
  - Wednesday, 6 September 6:00pm–8:00pm
  - Wednesday, 20 September 6:00pm–8:00pm
  - or at Cook Oval on Sunday, 8 October from 10:00am–1:00pm

Contact our Registrar – Leanne Wilkinson at blacregistrar@gmail.com or 0406 375 195

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 3, 4 and 5 October.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995
PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.


*The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.*

$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

**Course begins:** Monday, 16th October 2017 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with [Larissa Dann](#), accredited P.E.T. instructor.


FREE Junior Tennis Community Hot Shots (Ages 7-16)

Learn a sport you can play for life!

**Host Venues:** Gungahlin College, Merci College (Braddon), Old Parliament House Tennis Club**, Majura Tennis Club, Turner Tennis Club, Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong), Reid Tennis Club & Barton Tennis Club

**Spots are limited.** To RSVP to the free Hot Shots session [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/schools](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/schools)

For more information about the spring coaching season (ages 4-16) & Holiday Programs** visit [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/coaching](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/coaching)

Alternatively you can email play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call 0416 186 121.

Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have.

All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Parentline ACT.**

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

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**Before school body and brain work out.**

**Term 4, Teams Event:** 2 girls and 2 boys

*Thursday 19 October*  
North Ainslie Primary School

*Thursday 26 October*  
Ngunnawal Primary School

*Thursday 2 November*  
Emmaus Christian School

*Thursday 9 November*  
St Thomas More’s Primary School

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