FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Experience, Share, Learn - Arrernte

Please join the students and families of St Vincent’s at the opening of its Indigenous Gardens.

FRIDAY 1 JULY 2016 at 2.30pm

NAIDOC 2016

Last year the parent community came together to create what is now a flourishing native garden in an area of the school playground which was dry and arid. St Vincent’s has been successful in gaining a grant through the NAIDOC grant funding round. Even though NAIDOC week is the first week of the school holidays we will be using the grant funding next week. You may have noticed that four of the poles have been painted in the colours of our House Teams. On Friday July 1, under the direction of our ‘artist in residence’ Justin Boney (father of Kalari K/1 Yellow) every child at St Vincent’s will play a part in decorating their House pole: Dhura – Earth; Winyu –Sun; Ngulla – Trees; Ngadyung –Water. There will be a blessing and opening of our gardens in the afternoon and we invite families to join us from 2.30pm….in event of wet weather the opening will be postponed till next term.

Wishing everyone a great week

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Dear Families,

Feeling Unwell ??
As we reach the middle of winter it is inevitable that there will be more staff and students afflicted with coughs, colds and other ailments. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home where they will be snug and warm and have a better chance at recovering quickly. There is nothing worse than being at school in a classroom of 20+ children if you are not feeling well.

The same applies for teachers and in recent weeks there have been an increased number of staff who have been ill. At times there can be many staff away on one day and while every effort is made to find a replacement teacher on occasion the children are split into small groups and they work in other classrooms under the care of that class teacher. While this is not ideal, the children are able to go on with prepared work and be fully supervised.

Reports
This Friday, your child will bring home their Semester One Student Report. I hope that you will make time to sit with your child and celebrate first and foremost their achievements and perhaps talk through some areas for improvement. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is a formal opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress with their classroom teacher. Instructions for how to book an appointment online have been sent out to families. However, here they are again just in case they have been misplaced. The expectation is that **all** parents will meet with the class teacher. To book an interview time for your child, go to: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) Event Code: kj3np

Boredom Buster Raffle – Win a family pass to Cirque Africa!
Raffle tickets are now on sale for students to win one of two family passes to Cirque Africa. Tickets are $1 and they are on sale before school, recess and at lunchtime. Two passes will be drawn this Friday and two passes will be drawn next Friday. You’ve got to be in it to win it!!!

Baby News
We congratulate Luke, Lauren and Bailey Maher on the safe arrival of their daughter and sister Lily who was born last Thursday, 16 June.
We also congratulate the Mendis Abeysekera family on the safe arrival Aleisha who was born last Friday. Big brother Sheran is very excited about being a big brother!

With best wishes always,
Lisa
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AWARDS
We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

- **K/1 YELLOW**: Jessica M, Daniel O
- **K/1 BLUE**: Imogen H, Dakota C
- **YEAR 2 YELLOW**: Angus P, Phoebe G, Juno P
- **YEAR 3 BLUE**: Patrick B, Janani B
- **YEAR 4 YELLOW**: Bhavesh J, Nate C
- **YEAR 4 BLUE**: Sabrina T, Will H, Lottie D
- **YEAR 5/6 BLUE**: Alexandra O, Sienna P
- **YEAR 5/6 YELLOW**: Zane R, Anika P

These awards will be given out at morning assembly on Monday, 27 June.

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

- Eloise C, William H, James H, Lachlan S
Congratulations to the faith and justice leaders from Year 6 who coordinated the Winter Woollies campaign. This is a real life example of our community reaching out to those in need and living out our Catholic faith. Our Patron St Vincent de Paul would be proud. These ‘woollies’ will be officially handed over at tomorrow’s prayer liturgy.

KEY DATES FOR DIARIES:
Prayer Focus Assembly – Tomorrow, Friday 24 June at St Vincent’s Parish Church at 9:00am. Year 2 Yellow will lead us in prayer with the focus on ‘Jesus being the face of God’s Mercy.’

Class Mass – Friday, 1 July at 9:30am at St Vincent’s Parish Church for K/1Y, 4B and Year 5/6Y students and families.

Confirmation – In the distance (but not too far away)
Parent Information Night – Thursday, 21 July (Week 1 Term 3) at 6:30pm in the School Library.
Commitment Mass – Saturday, 23 July at 6:00pm at St Vincent’s Parish Church.
Retreat Day – Thursday, 25 August (Week 6 Term 3).
Sponsor Night – Thursday, 25 August at 6:30pm (Week 6 Term 3).

It is pleasing to see so many students taking part in the sacrament. A reminder to those who wish their child to make their Confirmation to return their forms ASAP.

Keep smiling,
Hamish Meagher
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PARISH
CHILDREN’S LITURGY
The next Children’s Liturgy will be held on Sunday, 3 July in the Parish Centre during Sunday Mass (10am).
Everyone welcome!

CANTEEN
Order your children’s lunches online – www.flexischools.com.au
This week’s specials are: Fried Rice with Egg $4.00 (Gluten Free available) and there will be no soup this week

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A BIG thank you to all volunteers who made last Friday’s disco a great success and a great community event. Thank you to our DJ Indy Anderson and Lights Man Kieran Alcock. Also, a BIG thank you goes to the Health and Well-being team who helped organise and promote the event.

Genny Newton, School Council

Making friends – Everyone needs a friend

Having friends at school is important. Positive friendships allow children to have fun as well as cope during difficult periods of stress and change. Friendships are not always easy for children to manage. Parents and carers can assist children to learn the skills they will need to develop and maintain friendships.

Core friendship skills for children

Cooperation

- Learning how to share, take turns, and work together towards a common goal.

Communication

- Using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully.
- Paying attention to body language (e.g., making eye contact, smiling, being able to read others’ nonverbal reactions).

Understanding and managing feelings

- Being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you.
- Recognising and responding to others’ feelings.

Accepting and including others

- Recognising others’ needs for respect and friendship.

Supporting Children’s Friendship Skills

Parents and carers have an important role to play in helping children to develop their friendship skills. By setting an example of how to manage relationships, teaching them helpful social skills and talking through friendship issues with them, adults are able to guide children as they refine their friendship skills.

Provide children with opportunities to play with peers.

- Children gain experience and learn important social skills from playing with friends.

Teaching positive social skills

- Take note of the negative social behaviours your child uses and the positive behaviours that your child could use more often.
- Teach one social skill at a time, making sure that your child can use that skill before introducing another.
- Being able to control negative emotions and recognising the needs and wants of others is important.

Be a coach

- Coach your child to practice positive social skills in everyday situations.
- Coaching involves prompting, reminding and encouraging (not nagging!) children to use the skills they have learnt.
- Remember to use positive feedback and praise!

Helping children solve friendship conflicts

- Talking friendship issue through with a supportive adult can help children to reflect on what has happened, how they feel about it and what to do next.

The full Kids Matter article Everyone needs a friend provides more detail and useful examples for parents.
Top-shelf Tombola – Thank you!!!
Thanks to your generosity Top-shelf Tombola is going to be a fantastic event at Roller Fete! This wonderful collection of beverages and sauces means all our fete-day punters will all go home winners. Further donations will, of course, be gratefully received up until fete day.

Volunteers – Sweet Union Snow Cones
If you came to the disco last Friday, you would have seen the children go slushie over snow cones. The queue went all night and the return business was brisk. If you would like to be part of the snow cone action on fete day, bringing good clean icy fun to the young and young-at-heart, please let us know. We need volunteers to work on this stall – we have the machine, syrups and cups, we just need the human ingenuity (believe me, it doesn’t take much) and some bags of ice. Contact justinemolony@bigpond.com if you’re ready to climb Elsa’s ice mountain and spread the snowy cheer.

White Elephant Dreaming
The biennial White Elephant Muster will be taking place on Saturday, 23 July between 10 am and 2 pm. Spend the next holidays practicing the fine art of ‘decluttering for contentment’ and bring the results down to the White Elephant Dreaming Collection Centre (metal shed behind the Presbytery, access from the top carpark). We’ll be there to receive your goods and store them with the gratitude and respect they deserve, before selling them for Bargain Basement prices on fete day.
Consider donating: junk jewellery and jewellery boxes; hand bags, scarves and hats; toys; kitchen ware (cups, saucers, plates bowls, mugs, platters, dishes); tools and DIY bits and pieces; hobby and craft gear; musical instruments; mirrors; desk lamps … the list is endless!