



SAINT VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13 December

Nativity Assembly-
Kinder 9.15am
School Christmas
Carols 6.30pm

Mon 16 December

Optional Parent
Teacher Interviews

Tues 17 December

Year 6 Mass 12.30pm
Grad Dinner 6.30pm

Wed 18 December

Year 6 Fun Day
Meet the Teacher
2.30pm – 3pm

Thurs 19 December

Last day of year

**SCHOOL STARTS
MON, 3 FEB 2020**

**PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW'S AND
ST VINCENT DE PAUL
WEEKEND
MASS TIMES
at St Vincent's**

From 5 October

Saturday-6pm

Sunday-10am

Tuesday-5.30pm

Thursday-9.30am

Parish: 6254 1827

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Vincent's,

Life is particularly busy right now at school with the 'End of Year Season' in full swing. Our youngest students have worked so very hard to present their Christmas Nativity, always a highlight of the year on the calendar and we look forward to welcoming family members on Friday. It is a very special time of the year for students, staff and families to take a pause in gratitude for blessings received throughout the year and to look forward with a sense of optimism and hope for the season of Advent that heralds the great feast of Christmas.



It is also a time for saying goodbye to departing students and staff and welcoming in new staff and families to the community. At the end of this year five of our staff will be moving

on from St Vincent's. Yes 5! I agree that is a big number. I am able to share with you that **Luke Maher** (Religious Education Coordinator and class teacher) has been appointed to the Directorate Catholic Education in the position of Religious Education and Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia Officer. He has been a friend and colleague to us all and we wish him every success in his future career path. Luke's witness to his faith has influenced so many during his four years here, we will miss him terribly and are forever grateful to our Lord for bringing him to our community – indeed a blessing for us all.

Lisa Harris has been Assistant Principal at St Vincent's for 9 years commencing in 2011. She has been a great mentor to many teachers during her time here, a passionate literacy and numeracy teacher always holding dear that every child is unique and we must work hard to meet them where they are at. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter Lisa has been appointed to the role of Literacy and Numeracy Officer with our Directorate Catholic Education. We are all so very proud of Lisa's achievements and know that she will be extremely successful; setting herself some new challenges along the way.

Anna Zaja has requested leave for 2020 and we wish her all the best for her next adventure and look forward to her return in 2021.

John Jennings will be returning to relief teaching duties. John has shared much of his passion for children and teaching with us all – as the staff say – John knows how to 'rock' a tie!

Susan Ashmore has been a great help this year covering a number of classes whilst teachers looked closely at student data. We look forward to her returning to St Vincent's in a relief capacity in 2020.

Members of the SCC will farewell these staff members at next Thursday's Farewell Assembly.



Along with a final farewell to our Year 6 students on Thursday, 19 December (last day of school) we farewell the following students and their families: Chloe and Charlie Baker, Emily, Rebecca and Alice Howarth, Oliver Hume, Trisha Grover, Connor Malcolm, Austin Penley, Angelnoor Kaur, Jacob Richardson and William Taylor. All welcome to join us at this special end of year Assembly.



Our Year 6 leadership students will graduate from St Vincent's next Tuesday and enjoy a special dinner with their families that evening. It truly is a remarkable event and although mixed with emotions we take time to reflect on the gifts and talents these children have shared with us during their time at St Vincent's. There will also be an opportunity to farewell the following families who have their last child finishing at St Vincent's. In some cases families have seen four children through our school.

Farewell and thank you to the Babu, Brown, Campbell, Cluff, Gurung, Majstorovic, Preston, Putt, Ranasinghe, Reed, Taylor (Alex) and Taylor (Sari) Families.

STAFFING 2020

Looking to 2020, I am now able to announce the following class structures and teachers. All students have an opportunity to meet their 2020 teacher next Wednesday afternoon (December 18) from 2.30pm and class lists will be posted up on the windows outside the canteen area that afternoon.

In 2020, we welcome **Mrs Monique Egan, Mrs Trees Williams, Miss Tayla Hart** to St Vincent's. I know you will make them welcome – we are fortunate to have such excellent educators come and share their passion for teaching with us. As shared above, Luke Maher leaves us in 2020 and I am actively seeking a high quality teacher to join our community.

Kinder Blue	Kylie-anne Swan
Year 1 Yellow	Trees Williams
Year 2 Blue	Tayla Hart
Year 2 Yellow	Hamish Meagher
Year 3 Blue	Lynne Hellyer (M-W) Sonia Mattiske (Th –F)
Year 4 Yellow	Angela Luchetti
Year 5 Blue	TBC
Year 6 Yellow	Hugh Peoples and Josie Peoples
Assistant Principal	Monique Egan
Classroom Support	Rita Evans; Angela Luchetti; Donna-Lea Collins; Jacinta Putt; Louise Georgiadis; Emma Bonell Balp
Music/Italian	Anna Marzano
Library	Rachel Donnelly
Front Office	Nicole Watson
Canteen	Michelle Howarth

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for the time and effort they have given to preparing your child's report. We are very fortunate to have such a committed staff whose report comments reflect their understanding and relationship with your child. The enveloped report coming home today provides an opportunity for you to discuss with your child their achievements and progress for this semester. An opportunity for you to discuss your child's report with their teacher is offered to families. Teachers will be available to meet with parents on Monday, 16 December from 3.15pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Nicole Watson who will arrange this for you.



FINAL EVENTS

Year 6 Graduation Mass will take place on Tuesday, 17 December at 12:30pm and will be followed by the candle ceremony for Year 5.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Premier Inn, Belconnen at 6:30pm.

Farewell Assembly for children (K-5) and staff leaving St Vincent's at the end of the year Thursday, 19 December at 9.00am



CANDY CANES, HIGH SUGAR FOODS The custom of giving Candy Canes with Christmas Cards is a lovely gesture. However, we have asked that the students keep the Candy Canes at home and eat them at home. We are working hard to become a "healthy school". Please be mindful that many icy poles also have a high sugar content.

Wishing everyone well as we enter the third week of the Advent season and thanking you for your ongoing support for St Vincent's

Lina Vigliotta

Helpers Morning Tea

We would dearly like to acknowledge all who have helped us this year: canteen, open days, Fete, craft, disco, Mother's/Father's Day breakfasts, class reading, club4kids, working bees... the list is huge! We really are grateful for every bit of help given and now it is our turn to give a little back. Please join the staff **MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER** at **11am** for morning tea, time to sit a while with staff and ponder on the year.

Christmas Carols Evening

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER at 6.30PM



Please join us for our Community Christmas Carols evening on ARANDA OVAL.

Pre-order a CATERED PICNIC DINNER

We are offering families the opportunity to pre order their PICNIC DINNER through Qkr. This is a pre-order only deal. **NO orders will be taken on the night.** **Cut off for ordering is 9am tomorrow morning.**

For \$10 per person you get:

Roast chicken, 2 x bread roll and a choice from an assortment of salads.

Bring your own: chair/rug, drinks, plates, cutlery

Families are invited to wear some 'Christmas' for this special event.

A lovely way to connect with new friends and families you have met over the year.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this final newsletter piece to you all.

I have been at St Vincent's for 9 years and I call this place my second home. I love this community, I love our students, I love the parents and I love my colleagues. It was a very hard decision for me to apply for my new role. I am so safe here, I know every nook and cranny! I know where the cupboards inside the cupboards are. The walls in this building hold stories that I will remember for years to come.

When I arrived in 2011, on my very first day I was showered with welcomes and smiles. I was newly married, this was my first role as an AP, I was very excited. Later that year I fell pregnant with Rohan, in 2012 two became three and I enjoyed my first year of being a mum!



Over the years I have been part of many more memorable occasions:

- 2x successful School Registrations (2013 & 2018)
- Hosting the 2013 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival
- 2x Block Grant Applications and the upgrade and refurbishments of two wings in the school
- I was one of 6 staff members who welcomed a baby in 2014! William was born in September
- The Farewell and Retirement of Marg Koenen in 2015
- Welcoming our new Principal Lina Vigliotta and the start of a new Leadership team in 2016
- My own son starting Kindergarten at St Vincent's in 2017
- Completion of 2x Post Graduate Certificates in 2018
- A life changing Study Tour of London and Rome in 2019



So, this year is the completion of one chapter in my life and in 2020 the start of another.

To each and every person who has had an impact, influenced and supported me, I say thank you.

Firstly, my family. Mike, Rohan and William you have been so flexible, supportive and embraced my role as an extremely busy fulltime working wife and mother. You 3 are amazing!

To both of my principals Lina and Marg, I wouldn't be where I am today without your mentoring, belief, challenge and encouragement of me.

To Nicole Watson; for keeping me organised, up to date and ensuring everything goes to plan.

To my colleagues past and present, for your patience and understanding and for working alongside me day after day.

To the parents and families for leaving your children in my care for 200 days each year. I feel so blessed to have your trust and support in the education of your children.

Finally, to all the students and ex-students of St Vincent's, I have watched you grow in your learning and friendships. Many of you from Kindergarten to Year 6. May you succeed in everything you do.

But..... it is not entirely over yet and you can't get rid of me that easily. I am still a St Vincent's mum and I will still see many of you around over the next 7 years. Please come and see me over this next week if you get a chance, whether it be at the Nativity or Christmas Carols tomorrow, the Year 6 Graduation next week, the volunteers Morning Tea, or the Farewell assembly next Thursday.

See you at the 50th Anniversary celebrations next year and many more events!!!

With much love, blessings and a very Merry Christmas to each and every one of you, Lisa xxx



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



'I am the Light of the World; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life'. (John 8:12)

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

A very big thank you to all of our families who supported the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal this year. We had so many generous donations and we were able to create 10 hampers which will go to families in need in our parish this Christmas. Mr Bernard Meadley gratefully accepted the donations on behalf of the Aranda Conference at our Liturgy on Tuesday and spoke about the impact that these donations will have within the wider community. We thank Bernard, Stewart and all their team for their support of our Mini-Vinnies and for all that they do within our community. Thank you.



Thank you and Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to all of our St Vincent's families for your support over the last 4 years. It is a very blessed and privileged position to be an REC in a Catholic school and to be able to celebrate special moments in the sacramental life of families. These last two years have been particularly special as we have celebrated the growth of youth ministry within our parish schools. Our St Vincent's school community is something that you, as the families, should be so proud of. I know I will look forward to the many opportunities I get to come back and visit and work with the children, parents and teachers at St Vincent's. I wish you all a very blessed, a very peaceful and a joy filled Christmas season.

Peace and best wishes,
Luke Maher
Religious Education Coordinator

CANTEEN

St Vincent's has canteen at recess on Thursdays and recess and lunch on Fridays.

An app will need to be downloaded onto your device and ordering can be made through the Qkr! app.

The cut off time for all orders will be 8.45am Thursdays and Fridays.

Orders can be placed through the Qkr! app for recess on Thursdays and also recess and lunch for Fridays.

Over the counter recess sales on Thursdays and Fridays are still able to be cash.

All lunches on Fridays must be ordered.

The preferred option for ordering lunch of Fridays is through the new Qkr! app but you may also put money into a brown paper bag with all the details on the front.

Please remember to bring your keep cups for Hot Chocolate and Ice Cream.

Please volunteer to help in the canteen www.volunteersignup.org/7EWJ3



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AWARDS



We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER BLUE: Bul K, Janet N

YEAR 1/2 BLUE: Trisha G, Olivia R, Maisey H

YEAR 1/2 WHITE: Anik F, Leon G, Kuenzang L

YEAR 1/2 YELLOW: Achuil A, Sophia S, Lucius B

YEAR 3 YELLOW: Pema R, Ella N, William T

Due to The Nativity Liturgy, these awards will be handed out

YEAR 4 WHITE: Jacob R, Sebastian S, Aarav G, Finn M

YEAR 5 BLUE: Juno P, William T

at Monday's morning assembly. YEAR 6 YELLOW: Laroux C, Janani B, Jonathan R, Kuer D, Taneisha P

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday over the coming week and throughout the school holidays:



Mason P, Ugyen D, Allanh A, Hunter H, Chris M, Noah M, Kuenzang L, Harriet M, Ryl A, Jitshen P, Joshua N, Aurelia R, Edward H, Chloe B, Yangsel D, Chaz A, William T, Dion M, Aarav G, Olive H, Patrick B, William O, Lhazay D



CLOTHING POOL WILL BE OPEN ON

WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2019 from 10AM-12PM



SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking for 2019 will be

Friday, 13 December 2019.

The first day for school banking for 2020 will be in

Week 2, Friday 14 February 2020.



School Banking



The end of the school year will be upon us before we realise it. By the beginning end next week, I would love to have all of our library books returned back to school and on the shelves for the start of the 2020 school year. I understand that these books can often be hard to find (under beds, behind cupboards, eaten by the dog...) but myself and your children would appreciate your help in finding them and returning them to school.

Rachel Donnelly
Teacher/Librarian

ST VINCENT'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nomination Form

Name: _____

Nominated by: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Dated: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Dated: _____

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

ONLINE GOOGLE FORM TO BE FINALISED BY WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be holding our 2020 School swimming carnival on Wednesday 12th February (Week 2, Term 1) at Jamison Pool/ Big Splash Macquarie for all children who will be in Years 1- 6, in 2020. This is a great opportunity for the children at St Vincent's to participate in competitive and fun water activities regardless of their swimming ability. Year One students will join us at the pool, however they will only participate in Novelty events.

This year to enable faster, more efficient allocation of participants in to races, we ask families to indicate which events their child wishes to participate in using GOOGLE FORMS. The link to the form is available on our school website and will also be emailed to you.

Please ensure when entering your child in an event they can confidently swim the entire length of that particular event. We need to ensure the well-being and safety of all children and we ask parents to ensure children are opting in to races within their ability range.

The link for the form can be found by going to the COMMUNICATIONS tab on our school Website. Then click on School Newsletter then scroll to the bottom to find Swimming Carnival 2020.

The link to the form is:

<https://forms.gle/DmFcTcUkV8YxGGtk8>

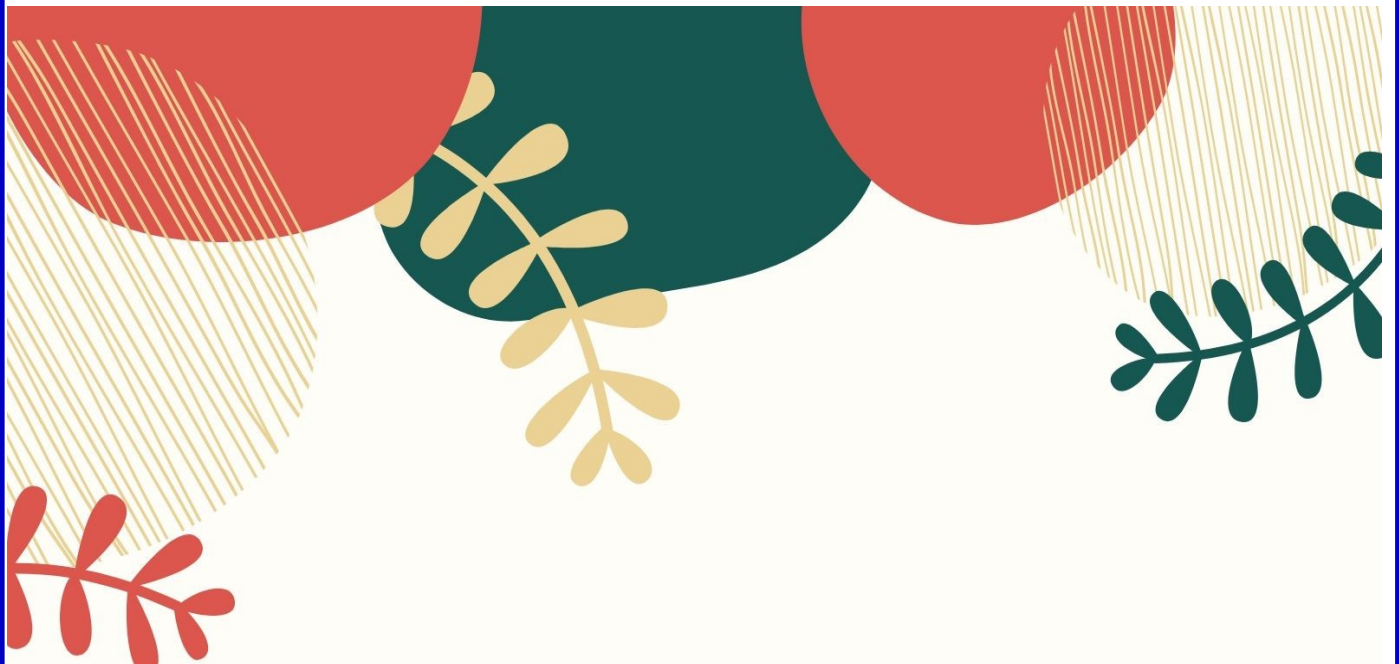
KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT THIS FORM.

Thank you for your assistance at this busy time of year,

Lynne Hellyer

Lead Teacher – Health and Wellbeing

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SOUTH BELCONNEN YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday 14th December 2019

INVITING ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-7 TO JOIN US
AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH, ARANDA AT 4.45PM TO
PLAY GAMES, SHARE SOME FOOD AND CELEBRATE
THE YEAR OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN SOUTH
BELCONNEN.

THEN JOIN IN WITH US TO CELEBRATE MASS AT 6PM.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Contact Youth Ministers
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