

SAINT VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
WEEK 1 TERM 1



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2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12 Feb

Swimming Carnival
Kinder Rest Day

Friday 14 Feb

Year 6 Leadership
Breakfast

Tuesday 18 Feb

Meet and Greet
Year 2 Excursion to
Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 19th

Feb
Kinder Rest Day

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,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting year of learning. It was delightful to see your children's smiles on Monday morning and it was clearly evident that everyone had a well-rested break with lots of stories to share. On Monday, we also welcomed 20 new families to St Vincent's. I hope you are able to connect with these families at the Meet and Greet Welcome BBQ on Tuesday February 18. We are blessed to be a small school. The size and structure of our school allows for each child to be treated as a special individual and with some effort from you it will become the place where lasting friendships are formed and established. For those who are new to our school it may be news to know that this year we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. Our anniversary logo takes pride of place as the header of our newsletter. Thanks to parent Matt Haggan for sharing his talent in design with us.



It has been good to share weather stories with many of you this past week. The pictures here tell just some of the story of the thrashing St Vincent's received in the hail storm. I hope your homes (and cars) fared a little better.

Over the latter part of the holiday period our wonderful teachers have worked hard to ensure that classrooms are ready to start the new school year. Over the break final touches to the new refurb were done, a fence was put in place at the front of the school and the Green Area (just outside the hall) had a new ceiling with reverse cycle air-conditioning put in. Your children are fortunate to have such engaging spaces to come to learn in each day. A little more work continues with all downpipes and storm water drains being replaced round the school.

A full staff list is included in this newsletter. We welcome teachers Monique Egan, Donna Victory, Trees Williams and Tayla Hart and classroom support teacher Catherine Sorokine. A reminder that teachers can be contacted using their email address: first name.surname @cg.catholic.edu.au.

We have a very busy year ahead of us with many opportunities for you to support us in our endeavour to provide your child with a high quality education. Please consider offering your support for our major events across the year. Next Wednesday all students will attend Big Splash for our swimming carnival.

Thankyou for ensuring your children have commenced school wearing the correct school uniform. On your behalf, I thank Deanna Palen for organising the Clothing Pool to be open during the holidays. If your child is need of an extra item of uniform or a library bag please look at what is on offer in the green space.

This week the students are currently learning about our 8 Learning Dispositions in their classrooms and how they can help our children adopt thinking and learning habits to help them become more confident, independent and ultimately more successful. Please take some time to have a look at the video on the front page of our school web-site.

I wish you and your families a happy association with St Vincent's this year. I ask that you keep Nicole Watson and her family in your prayers. Nicole's daughter will be married this weekend. A very exciting time for all the family.

Lina Vigliotta

lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that when dropping off and collecting your children using the drive through line parents must remain in their car. The children are able to safely cross the pedestrian crossing. In the event that cars are parked and left unattended then our children are put in a potentially unsafe position when they exit or enter their car. As you may imagine parking in the drop off line causes a queue up and the safety of our children is of the highest priority at this time.



SUPERVISION TIMES: Morning supervision starts at 8.30am.

Afternoon supervision ends at 3.30pm

CALENDAR

The Term 1 Family calendar is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the homepage of the school website www.svdpc.act.edu.au Please refer to it often as it is updated regularly. Meet and Greet, Swimming Carnival, Assemblies are just a few of the highlights this term.



WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE LEGISLATION

Any parent who volunteers to work in classrooms, sporting teams, Learning Support, coaching, driving children to excursions, reading, canteen, uniform shop, etc. **must download and complete the Working With Vulnerable People paperwork** and take it along with proof of identity to a Canberra Connect Office. As with your driver's license renewal, your photo will be taken and a card sent to you within two weeks. There is no fee for volunteers. If you intend offering your services in any way this year, we ask that you comply with the legislative requirements. We thank you most sincerely for your time and willingness to support this community.



ST VINCENT'S SKOOLBAG APP

At St Vincent's, we have our own "Skoolbag App" as an alternative method of communication with the parent body. We ask parents to install our Skoolbag – St Vincent's App.

How do I install the App? – Full instructions can be found at the end of this newsletter. In order to receive information relative to your child's grade you will need to set up push notifications.

What does it do?

This school mobile App provides the school with an easy way to tell parents everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar.



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL STAFF 2020

Please come and meet the staff on Tuesday 18 February 5.30 – 7pm.

Principal	Lina Vigliotta
Assistant Principal	Monique Egan
Religious Education Coordinator	Donna Victory
Office Manager	Nicole Watson
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/Sonia Mattiske
Year 4 White	Angela Luchetti
Year 5 Blue	Donna Victory/ Monique Egan
Year 6 Yellow	Hugh Peoples/Josie Peoples
Teacher/Librarian	Rachel Donnelly
Italian/Music	Anna Marzano
Classroom Support Teacher	Rita Evans
Classroom Support Assistant	Donna-Lea Collins
	Jacinta Putt
	Louise Georgiadis
	Emma Bonell Balp
	Catherine Sorokine

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL DAY

8.30am	Morning Supervision
8.50am	Morning Assembly
9.00am	Morning session
10.55am	Supervised eating
11.10am	Recess play
11.40am	Middle session
1.10pm	Supervised eating
1.25pm	Lunch play
1.55pm	Afternoon session
3.10pm	End of school day
3.30pm	After school duty ends

CANTEEN

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

RECESS SALES ONLY TOMORROW

ALL ITEMS 50c or \$1



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Having been at St Vincent's for literally a few days, I can already tell that this is a special community. I have been made feel very, very welcome by everyone; staff, students and parents. Thank you for your smiles, kind words and for answering all my 'new person' questions. I look forward to getting to know you all as the weeks move forward. Please come and say Hi! On Monday, our school gathered for a quick assembly. We spent some time talking through the school's expectations and to remind the students of some of the opportunities they have available to them in terms of upcoming events and playtime clubs. Judging by the 'buzz', I think the 'Code Club' on Mondays will be well attended. As part of this gathering, we asked the students to reflect on what they love about St Vincent's. This is a compilation of their responses.



Our classrooms are fantastic because.....

- We do lots of art
- We are respected
- We have the best teachers
- We have air conditioning
- We have a good selection of books
- We do a lot of Maths
- We decorate them with our learning
- We get to put our stories on the wall



Our playground is safe because.....

- We leave the rocks on the ground
- There are age limits for the equipment
- We have good safety rules
- We have teachers on playground duty
- The equipment is the right size for us
- We are environmentally friendly
- Teachers are there to help us if we have a problem



Our teachers are great because they.....

- They are nice and they are the best
- When we do work our teachers appreciate it
- They have a good sense of humour
- When we get stuck on something they don't just tell us the answers they help us to work it out ourselves.
- They plan excellent learning activities for us
- They give us good supplies to work with
- They care about our welfare

I think you would agree, these are impressive responses and the students have come back to school ready to embrace their learning in 2020.

I am really looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If I can assist you in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Monique

AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

KINDER BLUE: Liz M, Felix P

YEAR 1 YELLOW: Bul K, Ava I

YEAR 2 BLUE: Lachlan R, Joseph S

YEAR 2 YELLOW: Gabrielle M, Sam R

YEAR 3 BLUE: Olivia S, Amon K, Aiden R

YEAR 4 YELLOW: Thomas J, Harriet B

YEAR 5 BLUE: Jack D, Monica H, Sienna R

YEAR 6 YELLOW: Chloe P, Mrudula K, Aditya J



BIRTHDAYS

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



Lhazay D, Rohan H, Matilda L, Euphel T, Emily M





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Caritas

*One Community
in God's Love*

WE are a Community who shares God's Love

Welcome back! I trust you all enjoyed your holiday break with loved ones and are ready to begin the school year.

I would like to say 'thank you' to staff, students, parents and parish for warmly welcoming me to St Vincent's vibrant community. I am excited to be working here and know that I am going to thoroughly enjoy getting to know you all over the next few months.

This year, staff, students and school community will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St Vincent's and reflect, not only on the past 50 years, but what it means to be a school continually aspiring towards living it's motto 'CARITAS'~ sharing God's love.

One of the most travelled missionaries in our Church's history is St Paul. He would write letters to different communities to encourage people to love each other; be patient and kind, as well as forgive and not to hold grudges.

Some interesting facts about St Paul:

St Paul the Apostle was once named Saul.

St Paul grew up in Tarsus, a large city in Turkey. He moved to Jerusalem when he was 14 years old to continue his studies of the Torah.

St Paul wrote 13 books in the New Testament. His stories were written before the Gospels.

St Paul would encourage communities to live in harmony, work COLLABORATIVELY and to be KIND and FAIR.

St Paul established the Early Church throughout the Roman Empire.

This term, St Vincent's staff and students are exploring what it means to love and are reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7)

Youth Ministry

Sarah will be away for the first few weeks of term. When she returns, Years 5/6 students will be attending a Youth Ministry Retreat as well as an invitation to join the Youth Ministry Team.

Important Term 1 events

TERM 1

Week 1	2019 Opening Mass (Thursday)	<i>Whole School Mass</i>
Week 3	<i>Intro – 'Caritas-God is Love'</i>	<i>Whole School Prayer Liturgy</i>
Week 4	Ash Wednesday	<i>Whole School Mass</i>
Week 7	Yr 6 Leadership Induction	<i>Whole School Liturgy</i>
Week 9	Youth Ministry Liturgy	<i>Whole School Liturgy</i>
Week 10	Holy Week Prayer	<i>Whole School</i>

I wish you all a peaceful start to the school year.

Donna Victory
Religious Education Coordinator

St Vincent's Sport

Welcome to 2020.

We start the year with our Swimming Carnival next Wednesday (10am – 2pm) at Big Splash Macquarie. There will be lots of competitive races and fun novelties for the students to participate in. Thankyou to those parents who have indicated they can be there to help.



SWIMMING CAPS IN THE HOUSE COLOURS FOR SALE AT THE FRONT OFFICE \$5

ACT TRIALS

Please keep an eye on the School Sport ACT Website for upcoming trials in the sports your child may be interested in. You must register your child to trial.

Their website is: www.schoolsportact.asn.au

Belsouth Football Club (our feeder Soccer Club)

Registrations are now open if your son or daughter is interested in playing Soccer (football) this year. Age groups start at Under 6's. Please check the Website: belsouthfootball.club

If your child is playing u10's and up please check the website for grading information.



Lynne Hellyer

Lead Teacher Health and Wellbeing

St Vincent's... ready for 2020!





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MOTHERS OF BELCONNEN SOUTH PARISH

You are invited to our first gathering for 2020

A small group of young women met twice late last year to establish a group for mothers of our Parish, where ideas and questions about bringing up their children in the Catholic faith can be discussed and shared. It is hoped by coming together, women will connect with others in the Parish, new friendships will be formed and the group will support one another in bringing the faith alive for themselves and their families. We look forward to others joining us in 2020! If you are interested or know someone who maybe, please invite them along too.

The group will meet for the first time for 2020

on

Friday, February 21st.

We will gather for the 9:30AM Parish Mass at St Matthew's, Page and move to the Marian Hall for morning tea and a planning chat after that.

If you are unable to make Mass please join us in the hall at 10AM.

If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant group of South Belconnen mothers

please contact Louise Heywood (lmheywood@bigpond.com or 0421 288 302) for more information.

