

# SAINT VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
WEEK 2 TERM 1



13 FEBRUARY  
2020

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Friday 14 Feb

Year 6 Leadership  
Breakfast

### Tuesday 18 Feb

Meet and Greet BBQ  
  
Year 2 Excursion to  
Botanic Gardens

### Wednesday 19 Feb

Kinder Rest Day

### Friday 21 February

Prayer Celebration

### Monday 24 Feb

My Body My Life  
Parent and child Yr 5  
and 6 at 7.30pm

### Wednesday 26 Feb

Kinder Rest Day

Ash Wednesday

Mass 9.30am

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,



What a great day was had by all at the Swimming Carnival yesterday. Parents who volunteered their time to help us for the day and our bunch of fantastic teachers really helped make the day run smoothly. The weather was exceptional and as you can see from the pictures a fun day was had by all!

Thanks to Lynne Hellyer and Angela Luchetti for their organisation of the day.



On Tuesday evening we had our first School Community Council meeting for 2020. St Vincent's is certainly the richer for having a good number of our parents lead initiatives which bring the parent community together, and this, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year may be the perfect time for you to join our SCC. Below is the list of members currently sitting on the

Council. Every member is supportive and their dedication and interest in the life of students and teachers at our school has been instrumental in setting the school on its course to providing a quality education for all students. We were able to fill most positions but continue to be in need of a Deputy Chairperson and canteen representative. If you are able to help out in these roles or would just like to be one voice for parents of St Vincent's you would be welcome.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening (Week 2 and 8) during school terms. If you, or anyone you know, would like to stand for election on the 2020 School Community Council, please complete the form below and return it to the school by Friday 21 February. We are able to elect another 3 parent members. I would encourage parents to think seriously of this opportunity to play a significant role in the future development of our school. The SCC is a major part of the infrastructure/governance of this school, and members contribute in a very real way to the smooth operation of the school. If you nominate someone else, please obtain their approval.

Nominations close Friday 21 February.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS 2020

Chairperson	Amanda Phillips	Staff	Lina Vigliotta
Deputy Chair	Vacant		Monique Egan
Secretary	Emmalee Mowbray		Rachel Donnelly
Treasurer	Martin Baggott	Parish Priest	Fr Simon Falk
Grounds/Infrastructure	Leanne Dann		
Canteen	Vacant		
Members	Richard Milczarek		
	Regan Harrison		

**2020 SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOMINATION**

I nominate ..... for a position on the SCC for 2020. This person is aware that I have made the nomination.

Signed .....

Name (Please print).....

Child & Class.....

## A message from the Council



Dear families, you would be aware that we currently do not have a canteen manager. We continue to want to provide this service to our families. If you have given some thought to this position and would like to discuss the possibility of taking on the responsibilities of canteen manager we would love to hear from you. Email our chairperson Amanda ([amandagailphillips@gmail.com](mailto:amandagailphillips@gmail.com))

Remember children can purchase recess sales on a Friday

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

*Lina Vigliotta*

[lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lina.vigliotta@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## PARENT INFORMATION & BBQ EVENING

First Social Function for 2020

Families are welcome to attend our Parent Information Evening for all students K – 6. The event will be followed by a social meet and greet sausage sizzle.

The evening will run as follows:

- 5.30pm First Information Session (20 minutes)
- 5.50pm Second Information Session (repeat of first session)
- 6.15pm Introduction of Staff and SCC to school community
- 6.30pm Social Get Together (Sausage Sizzle and icy poles for all!) BYO drinks.

All sessions will be held in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to become informed about your child's class and what will be happening throughout the year.

**TUESDAY 18TH  
FEBRUARY**



## 2020 CLASS COORDINATOR

### *Your class teacher needs your help!*

The class coordinator is a vital part of the school's community and was set up to enhance and build communication links between the school, the parents and individual classes.

In their role they do some fantastic things for many of our families. As we know throughout life we all have some ups and downs and may need a little extra support. We help support families through whatever life throws at us, even the joys of a new addition to the family. The class coordinators help with building networks within the class; organise social gatherings; provide care meals for families in times of crisis and spoiling the class teacher on their birthday with a card/cake. Being a class coordinator is a great way to meet other families, be involved in the school and does not require immense amounts of your time. Teachers are highly appreciative of your help and are looking for 2 parent representatives from each class for 2020.

If you are interested in taking on the role as your child's class rep, please fill in the slip below and return to your class by next Friday 21 February.

**I would like to be a PARENT CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE for my child's class in 2020**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All Attendance Rolls are marked electronically. It is essential that if you are late you MUST sign in your child at the office before they go to the classroom. If you arrive after the starting time of 8.50am they will be marked absent unless signed in at the office. If your child is late you will need to escort them to the school office to complete a late slip. Arriving late to class obviously disrupts the class so it would be appreciated if every effort could be made to arrive at school no later 8.50am. Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child: develop skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities; learn the importance of punctuality and routines; make and keep friendships.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

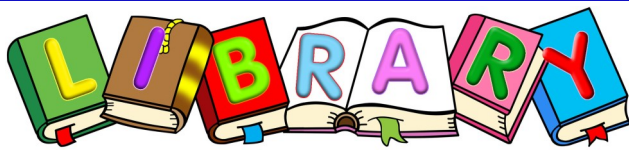
Thank you to the many parents who have made that extra effort to send their children to school with the correct uniform. It is great to see our students wearing their uniform with pride. Please note that black 'jogger' type school shoes and boots are not part of the school uniform. Students are expected to wear the traditional or formal black leather school shoes.



## CLUB4KIDS PLAYGROUP



We are excited to be able to continue our Club4Kids program this year. It will continue to provide all children aged 0 - 4 years with an opportunity to come to St Vincent's for a morning where they will have experiences to wonder, explore and investigate their world. We are very excited about this program, if you know of any families with children in this age group please refer them to the schedule on our school website.



What a pleasure it was seeing all of the students of St Vincent's during Week 1. You would have noticed library books coming home in school bags on Wednesday and

Thursday. During our library lessons we spoke about picking books that we could either read by ourselves, read with someone or have read to us. I encourage you to engage in conversations with your child about their choice of book and if it was a good fit for them. Here are some questions to ask your children after they have read their library books.

- Can you describe your favourite part of the book?
- Was there anything in the book that surprised you?
- If you could be a character in the book for one day, who would you chose to be?
- Were there any new words that you learned from reading the book?
- What do you think the author wanted us to take away from this book?
- Do you have a friend who you think would like this book? Why?
- Does this author have any other books? Have you read any of them?

Below you will find class library borrowing days as well as days the library is open during lunch time. I encourage you to help your child remember to return their library books and borrow as often as they can.

### Library Lessons

<b>Wednesdays</b>	6Y	2B	2Y			
<b>Thursdays</b>	3B	5B	4Y	KB	1Y	

### Helping Out In Our Library

The library is a very busy place and there are always opportunities for parents to assist during school hours or from home. We currently have some new literature waiting to be covered so that it can make its way to the shelves. If there is anyone who would be able to spend some time contacting new books at school or from home please come and see me before or after school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday or contact me via email – [Rachel.Donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rachel.Donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Rachel Donnelly Teacher Librarian

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

At the beginning of a new school year it is important to consider all the pieces of the puzzle which combined will lead, hopefully, to a successful year. Success, of course means, different things to different people. We all bring a variety of interests, perspectives, gifts and talents to our learning. At St Vincent's we value progress. Progress is measured by how much 'gain' or 'growth' individual students make over time. All students have a different starting point. It is important that we acknowledge this and recognise progress as an important measure of success.

Goal setting is an important ingredient to assist students to gauge their progress. When a student is involved in setting their own learning goals, they have a clear path to success. When an individual student sets their own goals, they develop an understanding of what they want to achieve and design strategies to achieve their goals. Simply put, goal setting allows students to make learning self-directed, purposeful and organised. According to research on the Grade Power Learning website (<https://gradelearning.com/importance-of-goal-setting-for-students/>) there are seven main ways goal setting can help a child succeed:

1. Provides A Clear Path To Success
2. Teaches Time Management & Preparedness
3. Increases Motivation
4. Measures Progress
5. Gives Focus & Purpose
6. Boosts Self-Confidence
7. Provides Challenges

## GOAL SETTING



Over the next couple of weeks, all students at St Vincent's will be actively involved in developing individual learning goals. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about the goal setting progress. Goal setting is most successful when goals are revisited and revised regularly, and progress is gauged. I look forward to having the opportunity to talk with students about their goals and witnessing their commitments towards attaining them.

Kind regards,  
Monique Egan  
[monique.egan@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:monique.egan@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER BLUE:** Mia M, Reuben G

**YEAR 1 YELLOW:** Zak B, Harriet M

**YEAR 2 BLUE:** Jacinta R, Achuil A

**YEAR 2 YELLOW:** Leilani H, Lucy N

**YEAR 3 BLUE:** Olivia R, Mason P

**YEAR 4 YELLOW:** Ella N, Christopher N

**YEAR 5 BLUE:** Evie W, Sam W, Jacob D

**YEAR 6 YELLOW:** Daisy C, Mia K, James H



## BIRTHDAYS

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

Emily M



## CANTEEN

Please volunteer to help in the canteen

[www.volunteersignup.org/7EWJ3](http://www.volunteersignup.org/7EWJ3)

**RECESS SALES ONLY TOMORROW**

**ALL ITEMS 50c or \$1**





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

# Caritas

# God is LOVE

## WE are a Community who shares God's Love



Welcome to week 2.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this term St Vincent's School and community will be exploring the meaning of CARITAS ~ God is Love.

A very familiar piece of Scripture used to understand God's love is *1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 7*. St Paul wrote this letter to the early Christians in Corinth as they needed guidance to understand what love actually meant.

Below are a few key points from this Scripture, paraphrased for students to understand.

- 1. Love is patient and kind:** Paul is saying to share and give with the right heart and with love. He encourages each of us to give freely and not resent what we are giving.
- 2. Love is not jealous:** Love isn't jealous of what others have, and if you have things that others want, you shouldn't make your friends jealous because you have it.
- 3. Love does not boast or brag:** Love is not proud or big headed. That also means boasting or bragging. Accept what you have, what God has given you. Be happy, not "I want this and that".
- 4. Love is not rude or mean:** Love does not behave rudely. Love is not impolite or mean. Love doesn't do things that we'll regret or be ashamed of later.
- 5. Love cares about other people's needs:** Love does not seek it's own. Love doesn't look out for their own interests or just themselves. That also includes grabbing things from people. Or interrupting when someone is talking. Love cares about other people's needs.
- 6. Love controls temper and isn't angry:** Love is not provoked. That means that love doesn't become angry easily. Love is **forgiving**. Take time to let your temper cool down. Don't hold grudges.
- 7. Love thinks good thoughts and is happy when others do what is right:** Love rejoices in the **truth**.
- 8 Love accepts all things; has trust and hope and never gives up:**

Love bears all things. (Love accepts and protects.)

Love believes all things. (Love trusts)

Love hopes all things. (Love always has hope.)

Love never fails. (Love puts up with things and never gives up.) If you love someone or something, you never stop trying. Love is patient, willing to listen and take the time to pay attention.

<https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2013/05/34-love-in-1-corinthians-13.html?m=1>

## CARITAS people show their love by how they act and treat others.

### Youth Ministry

Sarah is enjoying a well-deserved holiday and will return to St Vincent's in the next few weeks.

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

I wish you all a peaceful week ahead.

Donna Victory

Religious Education Coordinator



## School Banking

## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking starts tomorrow. Please put your deposit book and money in the message bag and your banking will be done during the day and returned to you in the message bag in the afternoon.

This year the theme is Treetop Savers. When you collect 10 tokens you can get a prize.

Terry Denton's Activity Book – Term 1

Mini Soccer Ball – Term 1

Treetop Stationery Set – Term 2

Treetop Handball – Term 2

Tomato Seed Kit – Term 3

Magic Mist Drink Bottle – Term 3

Emoji Wallet – Term 4

Snakes & Ladders Game – Term 4



SCHOLASTIC

## Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2020

Scholastic book club can only be ordered online.

Please go to the scholastic website and follow the instructions.

Issue 1 is due by Wednesday, 19 February.

Thank you

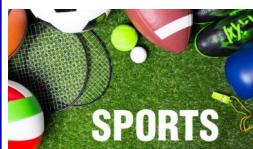
## CLOTHING POOL

A clean out of the clothing pool has taken place and there are some FREE items in the Green Area.

Please have a look and take what you want.

Also, if you have any spare coat hangers around the house, we would be grateful for the donation.

Thank you, Deanna Palen



SPORTS

## St Vincent's Sport

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a great day we had yesterday at our Carnival. We were fortunate with the weather although we did have to rearrange the program slightly to ensure we got through all the competitive events as the storm clouds started building up.

This year, we added a 25m breaststroke event to have more children swimming and next year we will add a 25m backstroke event. It was great to see so many children challenging themselves to have a go. We had lots of children having fun doing novelties and the House chants led by our year 6 leaders contributed positively to team spirit.

A very big thank you to the parents who were able to come and help on the day.

Ribbons will be handed out at Monday Week 4 Assembly for 50m and 100m races.

Lynne Hellyer

Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher



ALL WELCOME

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KNOW**  
.org.au

# Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

**DATE:** Wednesday 11 March 2020

**LOCATION:** 6 pm - St Matthew's  
School Hall

## The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong





## The Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin.

Invites you to join us for the fourth Walk, Run, Ride for Peace **22nd March from 8.00 am**. This is a major fund raiser for **Rotary Peace Projects, Drought Relief and Bush Fire Relief**. We need your participation and that of your friends and family to ensure the success on the day.

**Walkers and Runners** start from the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell and travel bridge to bridge around the lake and back to the Peace bell.

**Riders** choose from **three rides** - Bridge to Bridge Wetlands Ride, Bridge to Bridge Scrivener Dam Ride or Peace Bell to Arboretum Ride

**Donation - \$30 adults, \$5 children, \$60 Family of 4**

All participants will receive an event t-shirt and a drink and sausage sizzle at the end of the ride.

**Entries** via web site [rccbq.org](http://rccbq.org) and follow donation button instructions.

### FROM THE PARISH

We are looking for singers and musicians to join the **Youth Choir at South Belconnen Parish**. Children aged between 7 to 18 years are welcome to join us if you are keen to learn and enjoy sharing your talents and praising God!



We need at least 6 children and their parents to commit to singing once a month at 6.00pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Practice will be held at 4.00pm before Mass. We will be singing at St Matthew's in Page or St Vincent's in Aranda.

Please contact the parish office on P: 02 6254 1827 E: [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) to leave your name, email and phone number and your child/children's names and ages.