

# SAINT VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
WEEK 3 TERM 1



20 FEBRUARY  
2020

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 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

### Friday 28 February

Clean Up Schools Day

### Monday 9 March

Canberra Day  
Holiday

### Wed 18 March

Harmony 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,

Tuesday night provided us with the opportunity to welcome families to St Vincent's for the new school year at our Information 'Meet and Greet'. The evening was well attended with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher in their classroom, a learning space they are helping to create. Many thanks to our School Community Council for hosting the evening's sausage sizzle and icy poles. All parents will have received a term overview from their child's teacher and a "My child at his/her best" handout which we invite you to complete and return to your child's teacher. Please take the time to read the information provided. We are committed to ensuring that we work in partnership. You know your child best and value your input into growing every one of our children.

During your visit to school this year I hope you have had time to view the Learning Disposition characters in classrooms, front foyer and school corridors. The staff of St Vincent's look forward to growing a community of learners who proactively advance their learning. We pride ourselves in making learning visible. Learning Dispositions help our learners know: How am I going? Where am I going? and Where to next?

## St Vincent's Learning Dispositions

*I am a learner who...*



Tuesday evening also gave us the opportunity to welcome and thank members of the School Community Council: Amanda Phillips (Chair); Emmalee Mowbray (Secretary); Martin Baggott (Treasurer); Leanne Dann (Grounds & Infrastructure);

Committee members: Regan Harrison; Richard Milczarek.

Along with these council members I wish to extend my thanks to parents who offer their support to our school by putting their hand up to help when called on. We have a very active committee for our 50th anniversary celebrations, class coordinators who are committed to building class community and our Be You team of parents and teachers who have made a commitment to ensuring the social and emotional growth of our children continues to be of high importance.

I know you will do all you can to support these committees. We continue to need a Deputy Chair and would welcome parent interest in joining the council.

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

*Lina Vigliotta*

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## 2020 CLASS COORDINATOR

### ***Your child's 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 Friday, 21 February.

## **CLASS COORDINATORS**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Last week Monique Egan, Hugh and Josie Peoples and I were pleased to host a special breakfast for Year 6 students, thanking them for putting their hand up to accept a leadership position at St Vincent's.

Breakfast chat gave us an opportunity to listen to our senior student's perspective of life at St Vincent's. Students have designed their leadership shirt for this year and are looking forward to their leadership ceremony later this term when they will be wearing these shirts with pride.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It was wonderful to meet so many parents and carers at the Meet and Greet evening on Tuesday. What a fabulous way for the community to come together and welcome new families to our community. Following the teacher presentations, I trust parents are now fully informed about the curriculum in their children's current grades. We are certainly excited about the units we have planned and can't wait to see the directions students take with their wonderings, inquiry projects and culminating tasks.

Week 3 saw our first excursion for the year with Year Two heading off to the National Botanic Gardens. From all accounts the day was a great success with lots of discoveries made by our curious children. I had the absolute pleasure of a visit from some Year 2 students through the week. They came up to my office because they had heard a rumour there were several pot plants in there. I then witnessed the most amazing conversation between the students. They spoke of the functions of different types of leaves. They explained to me why certain plants, with certain leaf shapes and textures survive best in rainforests and deserts. I heard many explanations about 'drip leaves' and luckily, we were able to find some amongst the pot plant collection in the office. It also gave me a reminder to water them! Most importantly, I heard the students asking each other '*wondering questions*'. It was clear from these conversations, so early in the year, that there are amazing inquiring minds being inspired to discover in Year Two.



Underpinning the Inquiry process is developing in our students a curiosity, interest and desire to find out or learn to do something new. There is delight and power in children's questions. At school, we often call these 'big questions' or 'thinkings', *wonderings*. An individual's wonderings often provide the catalyst for authentic engagement in personalised inquiries. I wonder why...? I wonder if...? I wonder what would happen if....? I wonder how...? These simple wonderings can often spark authentic passion and curiosity. If you'd like to find out more about wondering questions and inquiry learning in general, you might like to engage with a blog by Kath Murdoch who is a leader in this field.

This blogpost might wet your appetite, <https://www.kathmurdoch.com.au/blog/category/personalised+inquiry>

Kind regards,  
Monique Egan  
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## AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER BLUE:** Joanna R, Raphael O

**YEAR 1 YELLOW:** Nate W, Max K

**YEAR 2 BLUE:** Matilda D, Millie B

**YEAR 2 YELLOW:** Xavier L, Maisey H

**YEAR 3 BLUE:** Paul R, Harriet M

**YEAR 4 YELLOW:** Lily R, Hailey A

**YEAR 5 BLUE:** Jessica M, Finn M, Sienna R

**YEAR 6 YELLOW:** William T, Phoebe G, Peter T

**Due to the Prayer Celebration,  
these awards will be given out at  
Monday's morning assembly.**

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Ashni S, Aiden R,  
Barach K, Sophia A



# Caritas

*God is LOVE*



Welcome to week 3.

I hope you are all enjoying your week. It was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday evening at Parent Information Evening.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word in the South Belconnen Parish

The Children's Liturgy program is an opportunity for children attending Mass to join together to celebrate and reflect on the Gospel. Children leave the congregation with a leader just before the First Reading and return at the Offertory. In our South Belconnen Parish of St Matthew's and St Vincent's it will be held at the following times during Term 1, 2020:

St Vincent's, Aranda: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the 10 am Mass

St Matthew's, Page: 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the 8.30 am Mass

Contact Justine Molony ([justinemolony@bigpond.com](mailto:justinemolony@bigpond.com)) for more information.

### Sacramental Parent Information Evening Sessions for 2020

**Confirmation** ~ Wednesday, 25 March at St Vincent's Church, ARANDA.

Evening commences at 6:00pm.

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** ~ Wednesday, 22 July at St Vincent's Church, ARANDA. Evening commences at 6:00pm.

### Prayer Assembly

There will be a Prayer Assembly tomorrow in St Vincent's Church commencing at 9:15am. All are welcome.

I wish you all a peaceful week ahead.

Donna Victory

| Term 1  |   |                                    |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|
| 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 8  | Confirmation Parent Information Evening | <i>St Vincent's Church</i>         |
| Week 9  | Youth Ministry Liturgy                  | <i>Whole School Liturgy</i>        |
| Week 10 | Holy Week Prayer                        | <i>Whole School</i>                |



**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**

## THE BUSHFIRE

While the animals slept,  
A bushfire crept.  
The air turned hot and the sky turned red.  
There was no time to sleep in bed.  
There was no time to play.  
The fire was like it was hunting its prey.  
It was getting faster and higher!  
Then Kangaroo woke up and screamed out,  
'FIRE, FIRE!'  
They all woke up not knowing what to do.  
They needed help, they needed more crew.  
'Mummy, there's fire!'  
Screamed a little mouse named Shire.  
'We need water!'  
Said a tiny possum daughter.  
They all got water at the lake nearby.  
But that didn't work. The fire was too high.  
We need to hurry, we need to go.  
'Or maybe we need to blow, blow, blow!'  
Said an old wrinkled mole who hid in his hole.  
The fire was getting bigger as they spoke.  
And the animals couldn't stand the smoke.  
Something was wrong.  
But all the animals had to stay strong.  
'We have to think of something fast!'  
But all that time they got to think and plan,  
May have gone, and this was a total fire ban.  
Then suddenly, they heard a loud and windy  
sound.  
That windy shaky sound was the wind and it cir-  
cled all around.  
'That wind is blowing the fire into the lake.'  
'Is it even happening' Or is it all fake?'  
So they all got a leaf from a fern tree  
And they made wind with guarantee.  
It was working. As the wind was flowing,  
The fire stopped growing!  
Everyone was so excited and jumped for joy.  
So, they all went back to where they rested.  
And they were all happy that no one was affected.

By Lily Roberts 4Y



### An Evening with Dr Justin Coulson Merici College, 2 March at 6.30pm

Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's most respected parenting authors and speakers, will be visiting Merici College on Monday 2 March. As a psychologist, and a father of six girls, he will be sharing his insights into what is really going on in the minds of our teenage daughters, how are they feeling and how we can stay connected with them. He will also be talking about his new book, Miss-Connection. Justin's presentation will be held in the Merici auditorium from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, \$5.00 per person. Please follow the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BINLZ> for bookings. We warmly invite our Merici families, as well as our wider community to come along.

## MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN



A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

We are enrolling now for 2021 and beyond!







Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for our Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now!

Open Day and Year 7 2021 Infor Night: 7 May  
Be a Merici Girl Days: 30 Apr, 4, 5, 12 May



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