

# SAINT VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
WEEK 4 TERM 1



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2020

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Friday 28 February

Clean Up Schools Day

### Monday 9 March

Canberra Day Holiday

### Wed 18 March

Harmony Day

### Friday 20 March

Year 6 Leadership Induction and Parent Morning Tea

### Wed 25—Fri 27

#### March

Year 5 Camp

### Wednesday 1 April

Athletics Carnival

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,



Yesterday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. The marking of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday is an expression of our faith and a sign that we are asking God for forgiveness. It is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. During Lent we are encouraging every child to make a change in their life to grow into the best person they can be. Lent prepares us for the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar. By praying,

fasting and giving alms, we are reminded of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Jesus brought the promise of hope to all people so that we may "Have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10), so that with our neighbours, we can go further, together.

This year, in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year our whole school theme CARITAS speak volumes to us. Through being people of Caritas we can go further together to transform the lives of others. Caritas Australia has been active for more than 50 years and invites us to join in solidarity with the poor who often have no choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Along with our Parish we support Project Compassion. You too may wish to consider how you can be caritas to others, strengthen to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.



### Your input please...

If you were or know of an ex student or staff member at St Vincent's, we would love it if you could share with us your/their memories of the values and inspiration they received as students at St Vincent's.

We are planning to include these memories in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary school performance at the end of Term 2. Please email [Anna.marzano@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Anna.marzano@cg.catholic.edu.au)

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

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

## Online Survey Request

Dear Parents

Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (Catholic Education), will shortly release an online survey to better understand your opinion of the value Catholic schools like ours provide and what that means for you and your children. The findings of this research will be used by Catholic Education to improve the offering of Catholic schools.

The survey will be sent out to parents via email in the coming week and should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

### **Privacy and confidentiality**

Please note that Catholic Education has engaged JWS Research to host the survey, collect the data and analyse the results. JWS Research is an independent, fully accredited, Australian research agency (see [www.jwsresearch.com](http://www.jwsresearch.com) for further information). Survey results will be reported in the aggregate with individual responses remaining completely confidential and treated in accordance with the relevant privacy laws, including the Market and Social Research Privacy Principles and the industry's code of professional behaviour.

I encourage all parents to respond to the survey.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation.






Yours sincerely

Lina Vigliotta

Principal

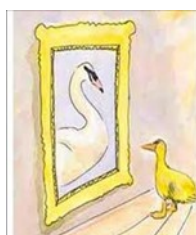
## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

With Week 4 already upon us, you could say our classrooms are well and truly humming. It is wonderful to witness the focus and drive evident by our students during the daily literacy block. A crucial part of this Literacy Block is conferencing. This is an opportunity for each student to sit down one-on-one with their teacher, each week, and discuss their reading and writing. This is a multi-faceted process and each conference is geared towards individual needs and progress. There are some common elements though, that teachers will pay attention to when they are listening to students read. Teachers will use these elements as a guide for the students in terms of where they need to go next in their reading development.

				
<b>Phonemic awareness</b>	<b>Phonics</b>	<b>Fluency</b>	<b>Vocabulary</b>	<b>Comprehension</b>
The ability to hear the sounds in spoken words and understand that words are made up of sequences of sounds.	Phonics instruction connects phonemes with written letters so that the reader can transfer knowledge of sounds to the printed word. Synthetic phonics' is the approach with the most robust evidence base.	The ability to read quickly and naturally with accuracy and expression. Fluency contains the skill of automaticity which allows a reader to recognise words quickly.	When children 'sound out' a word, their brain connects the pronunciation of a sequence of sounds to a word in their vocabulary to find a logical match. If a match is not created because the word they are reading is not in their vocabulary, comprehension is interrupted.	The understanding and interpretation of what is read. Comprehension requires having a sufficient vocabulary.

This week saw our Year 5 and 6 students engage in the My Body My Life program. This program is a two-part puberty and self-development program designed to bring parents and their children together to investigate the myriad of changes occurring during puberty and adolescence. This program is run at St Vincent's every second year and is facilitated by Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

On Monday evening, many parents accompanied their child to the interactive sessions which explored the physical, emotional and psycho-social development from child to adult. On Tuesday morning, this was followed up by an in-class session where students could ask questions and share their own stories in a safe, supportive environment under the care of trained facilitators.



Each child's journey through adolescence is unique and we encourage each person to navigate this challenging time in a way that supports themselves and their family. I'd like to thank all parents who were able to attend the evening session. I'd also like to acknowledge the students who approached these

sessions with maturity and consideration for the needs of others.

Kind regards,  
Monique Egan  
monique.egan@cg.catholic.edu.au

## AWARDS

We congratulate the following recipients of this weeks awards

**KINDER BLUE:** Manasvi K, Sebastian L

**YEAR 1 YELLOW:** Grace P, Sophia A

**YEAR 2 BLUE:** Simon H

**YEAR 2 YELLOW:** Hugo P, Nammya K

**YEAR 3 BLUE:** Leon G, Lily-Mae C

**YEAR 4 YELLOW:** Lhazay D, Prawal S

**YEAR 5 BLUE:** Achiik K, Andrew R, Jasmin H

**YEAR 6 YELLOW:** Eliza B, Chris A, Juno P

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Jivin P

# *St Vincent's Lenten Journey begins*

Yesterday marked the beginning of the Season of Lent, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Students in Years K-6 attended Mass and reflected on the meaning of this important holy day in the liturgical calendar.

## **Some important reminders about Lent:**

- ◆ Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Lent is a time for reflecting on choices we make in life. Are they choices that promote love and peace?
- ◆ Lent is a time when we say sorry and seek forgiveness for any hurt we have caused others.
- ◆ Importantly, Lent is a time when we grow in our relationship with God. We can do this through Christian Meditation and spending time in prayer.

One way we can promote love, peace and solidarity is giving through Project Compassion. The theme for 2020 Project Compassion is to **'Go Further Together.'**

Caritas Australia have been inspired by the profound words of El Salvadorian Archbishop Oscar Romero, **"Aspire not to have more, but to be more,"**



Caritas Australia encourages all Australians to take up the challenge to be *CARITAS* people in their daily lives: to take action for social and environmental justice, and to create a more just and compassionate world.

There are actions we can take on all levels – personal, family, local, national and global – which can contribute to tackling the structures of poverty, and bring about personal and global transformation, promote justice and uphold dignity.

A Project Compassion box will be sent home this week to the eldest student in each family.

I wish you all a peaceful week ahead.

Donna Victory

**Religious Education Coordinator**



**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**





## St Vincent's Sport

### Dates for your Calendar

Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival - Week 8 - Thursday, 26 March at the A.I.S

St Vincent's Athletics Carnival - Week 9 - Wednesday, 1 April

### Congratulations 'Winyu' Swim shield winners 2020

Lynne Hellyer

Health and Wellbeing Lead Teacher



## BELSOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

### Girls Needed to Play Under 10s in 2020

St Vincent's Primary School is one of the schools in Belsouth Football Club's catchment area and many of the students play for the club.

Belsouth are seeking more girls to play this season. In the under 10s we have a few places still available and we are very keen to sign up more players. If your daughter is interested, please register online as soon as possible.

Belsouth's motto is 'Fun, Football and Family' and it's a great club to be part of. To find out more about the club and all their junior football programs visit:

<https://belsouthfootball.club/>



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## 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 TRY HIGH SCHOOL DAY

### St John Paul II College Try High School Day

We invite 2020 Year 6 students to join us for Try High School Day on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Students will have the opportunity to meet some of our JPC students and staff, become familiar with the layout of our school, and have some fun experiencing 'classes' in a high school setting.

**Time:** 9.30 am to 12.30 pm (drop off from 9.15 am)  
**Dress:** Current Primary School Sports Uniform  
**Catering:** Morning tea will be made in Food Tech.  
 (Students are welcome to bring their own food if they prefer or have specific dietary requirements.)  
**What to Bring:** Water Bottle and Hat  
**To Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BIPGJ>

*Please note that this event is up to individual families to arrange, including transport to and from the College, as it is not being organised by feeder schools.*

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Community**

**Focus on Individual  
Students**

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Learning**

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**When**

**Saturday Workshop**  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
21<sup>st</sup> March  
28<sup>th</sup> March  
4<sup>th</sup> April

**Where**

Griffith  
Community  
Center

**Time**

3.30pm to  
4.30pm



**BRICKS CHALLENGE  
Weekend Program**

**When**

**Sunday Workshop**  
15<sup>th</sup> March  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
29<sup>th</sup> March  
5<sup>th</sup> April

**Where**

Belconnen  
Community  
Center

**Time**

10.30am to  
11.45am

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