ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

"As a Catholic School, St Vincent de Paul School is a place where an individual is part of a caring nurturing and supportive community which continues to develop in people, the faith, qualities and values in the Gospel."

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29th August 2013

St Vincent de Paul Primary School

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Saturday 6:00 pm Mass and the 10:30 am Sunday Mass over the next two weekends.

As a community, St. Vincent de Paul Parish eagerly await celebrating with our First Communicants, as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

We ask you to keep all of these children in your hearts and prayers at this very special time.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed onto you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor. 11: 23–26

Let us pray.

Food for hungry hearts, in Christ's body and blood
You transform us in grace. In receiving the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, You are with us.

Help us keep faithful to this holy mystery and live Your words.

Bless these children receiving their First Holy Communion that they may continue to be nourished by You always. Amen.
Dear Parents,

Earlier this Term the school was notified that our current Out of School Hour Care (OSHC) provider TRY Australia would be no longer operating OSHC programs from the commencement of Term 4. TRY have elected to change the focus of its operation away from this part of children’s services and subsequently elected to stop operating OSHC in all of its Victorian schools.

Since being made aware of this change I have been working with potential providers to replace TRY and to ensure that our program and staff continue to operate with as little interruption as possible. After several meetings with the YMCA children’s services staff we have successfully negotiated for the YMCA to take over the administration and running of our program for a trial period through to the end of the 2014 school year. The YMCA is currently running a number of very successful programs in our area and will continue the link with providing services via a not for profit organisation. The YMCA will take over the OSHC from the commencement of Term 4. Information Packs for YMCA will be available in the next few weeks.

A new app to improve communications to all families.

The Skoolbag app is NOW available on both iPhone and Android. We will be asking ALL parents to install our Skoolbag Communication App.

We are heading in this direction because the newsletter has, overtime, become increasingly larger in size and the paper usage has reached an unmanageable level.

Not only is this for newsletters, but it will also be used to provide you with updates on, for e.g. - bus arrival times from excursions, cancellations of sport days due to inclement weather etc. These notices will be sent to you through push notifications. Please find attached to this newsletter, instructions on how to upload the Skoolbag App.

THANKS

“The Dingle family would like to thank the whole school community, especially John Grant, Laura Strzelczyk and the Year Six students and parents for the support, assistance, kindness and compassion shown to us over the last four weeks. It is very much appreciated.”

PLANNING FOR 2014

As part of planning for next year, parents that have accepted, or are planning to accept enrolments at another school, are asked to notify John Grant in writing by the end of Term 3. We have families waiting for places in a number of year levels and therefore require an indication if children are not returning in 2014.
LOST PROPERTY – PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, LABEL YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING AND LUNCH CONTAINERS

The Lost Property Cupboard which is located beside Year 2 Green is overflowing with named and unnamed clothing and plastic food containers. The Admin staff are no longer responsible for returning named items to the Orange Tray as it must be the responsibility of the child to look after his/her clothing and containers. PARENTS - PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING AND PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

OUTSTANDING FEES AND LEVIES

A reminder that Term Three School Fee and Capital Levy were due and payable by last Friday, 23rd August. In order for our school to operate effectively and efficiently and to continue to provide quality programs for its students, it is an expectation that school fees are paid promptly on a regular basis. Thank-you to our many families who have honoured their fee commitment thus far; however there are still numerous families who have outstanding fees. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mr John Grant or Mrs Julie Baglieri to arrange a payment plan.

LIBRARY

Book Week 2013

Book week was very successful and everyone enjoyed our visiting author Lee Fox.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for Book Week. It was very exciting to see so many wonderful costumes from both children and teachers and we really appreciate the effort that was made. Congratulations to all costume winners and a special congratulations to Lucy Bush-Butler for being our overall school winner. Well Done!! Jeanette and Liz

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Please check and highlight the return date for Book Club orders. LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE PROCESSED
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Family Support Group supports St Vincent de Paul families and Parish in times of need. Each Year Level has a representative who is a contact person. If you have any concerns or you need any help please do not hesitate to contact your Year Level representative or myself as follows:

Angela Maisano (Prep) 0408 775 251
Lisa Harrington  (1) 0400 129 473
Elisa Brasher  (2) 0413 032 014
Claire Tennant (3) 0488 16 1171
Karen Doody  (4) 0419 58 8227
Franca Telfenson (5) 0414 569 027
Monika Davies  (6) 0407 361 828

Thanks to all who have helped in our Community this year so far. Your help is greatly appreciated. Although you may have offered to help you may or may not be called, depending on need.

Michele O’Brien FSG Co-ordinator  0419 986 597

PERSONAL SAFETY PLAN

Continued alerts for the Northern Region from the Security Service Unit of the Education Department highlight the need for parents to spend time with their children discussing personal safety. Most of the alerts involve students being approached by strangers or suspicious behaviour of strangers around schools. Parents are asked to be alert to this activity and to discuss with their children what to do in particular situations. A good individual safety plan that parents develop with their children is something each family should revisit on a regular basis. Below is a list of some areas that can be considered when talking to your children about an individual safety plan:

- What action should you take if approached by a stranger....
- Where can you seek immediate assistance if you feel unsafe.....
- Where are the nearest safe points when you are away from home and need assistance.....
  (friend’s house, relatives house, a shop, school, teacher).....
- Who are the people you can trust.......
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Reading Challenge:

The final date for books to be entered and verified is 12\textsuperscript{th} September 2013.

Books cannot be entered or verified after this date so please ensure you email me prior to this date to ensure your child’s books are verified and completed so that they receive their certificate from Premier Naphine.

Happy Reading - Alison Mamonne  alisonmamonne@optusnet.com.au

ART SHOW – WEDNESDAY 18\textsuperscript{TH} SEPTEMBER

Information Flyer is attached to this Newsletter. Help is required to make this event a success.

Please complete and return to the office ASAP

DEVELOP YOUR CHILD’S CONFIDENCE WITH PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

Our singing and dance programs are about building communities and improving wellbeing. Your child will learn new skills, make new friends and be part of some memorable performances. The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre hold weekly rehearsals in Rosanna and Essendon. Visit our website www.niyppa.com.au and contact us 9836 2877 to attend our audition day in Northcote on Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st} September.

CALENDAR 2013 - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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Battle of the Saints |
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Father’s Day |
| 4\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Four |
| 6\textsuperscript{th} “Up in Lights” Performing Arts Showcase – Choir and Performing Arts Group  
Sausage Sizzle |
| 7\textsuperscript{th} 1\textsuperscript{st} Communion |
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| 9\textsuperscript{th} District Athletics  
Parish Education Board Meeting – 7.30 pm (Staffroom) |
| 11\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Prep & Six |
| 13\textsuperscript{th} Grade 6 Family night |
| 18\textsuperscript{th} Art Show |
| 20\textsuperscript{th} END OF TERM THREE (STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1.30PM) |

| OCTOBER |
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| 7\textsuperscript{th} TERM FOUR BEGINS |
| 14\textsuperscript{th} Parish Education Board Meeting – 7.30 pm (Staffroom) |
| 15\textsuperscript{th} St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Activities |
| 23\textsuperscript{rd} Mass – Year Five |
| 25\textsuperscript{th} Ladies Fashion Night |
| 30\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Four |

| NOVEMBER |
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| 5\textsuperscript{th} Melbourne Cup |
| 6\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Three |
| 13\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Two |
| 20\textsuperscript{th} Parish Education Board Meeting (AGM)  
Mass – Year One |
| 27\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Prep |

| DECEMBER |
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| 4\textsuperscript{th} Planning Day – School Closure |
YEAR 5 SCHOOL CAMP

The bus trip to YMCA recreation camp took an hour and twenty but it was all worth it when we reached our destination. When we got there we were put into our groups after a quick introduction about the camp. I was in group two with Miss. G and our first activity was the giant swing. It was great fun and I am so happy I pushed myself to go to the top. The second activity was mountain biking, it was great fun and I tried out all of the obstacles besides the woopsy doos because I didn’t want to get dirty and wet. The third activity was the bone seed blitz. The aim in the bone seed blitz was to take as many bone seed weeds out of the ground as possible. Our group got the most out of all of the groups. For dinner we had pasta with garlic bread and salad and it was delicious. When I came to camp I didn’t think the food would be nice but it is!

By Hannah Pless 5 Gold

I think we all stayed up late the night before so we were all a little bit tired the next morning. But we were too excited for the second day being at camp we couldn’t really be tired if we tried. I was in group three with Miss De Nardis and our first activity for the second day was Games Galore were we played a range of games like chuck the chicken and Ga Ga which is like dodge ball but in a sandpit. Our second activity was the cliff top walk were we pulled our way a steep mountain slop to get to the top of this mountain but the views went so far out we could see the ocean. Each activity went for one hour and a half so in the cliff top walk we were walking most of the time. Our third activity was fishing, our group caught around ten fish a girl in my group, Kasha caught three. Our fourth and final activity was crate climb were we had to balance on milk crates and our partner handed us up our crates and we had to put them on our stack of crates properly before we climbed up onto it. We were in a harness so we were perfectly safe if we fell. If we got up to twelve we got thrown up a basketball and a had a shot of getting it into the hoop. For dinner that night we had a chicken with gravy and vegetables, the chicken had heaps of pepper on it so it was a bit spicy. For desert we had chocolate mousse. That night was the movie night and we watched Finding Nemo. The next morning was sad because it was the last day of camp, we got up and had breakfast then we headed down to the beach for the sandcastle competition between all the groups. Our group was going to make the Great Wall of China, then a face, then a pyramid and finally we decided on a volcano. Group one ended up winning. We got back and got on the bus after it started pouring down with rain. We got back to school at two thirty and the rain obviously followed us because it was raining at school. Camp was great fun, I wish it lasted longer and didn’t end so quickly.

By Amy Kearney 5 Blue
Hi everyone. We hope you have been enjoying the ‘Card Calculations’ games! This week we have a new game that all the family can play. Take a picture of your family playing the game and post your picture in the boxes at the office. Everyone who enters wins a prize!

Raymond and James – Year 6 Mathematics Leaders

10 IN A ROW

A game suitable for Prep to Year 6 - choosing and using operations

Materials:
A pack of cards, all picture cards removed leaving numbers 1 – 10
Dice

Organisation:
A game for 2 players or play in two teams

RULES:

➢ Place 10 cards face up in a row. The remainder of the deck kept together face down.
➢ Players take it in turns rolling a dice. Using the number that is displayed the player is challenged to use combinations of cards to equal the number.
➢ Cards used to make the answer are collected and kept by each player and then replaced from the deck.
➢ The game continues until all cards have been used.
➢ Young children will use addition / subtraction to make answers using two cards. Older players can use any combination of operations, decimals, negative numbers, fractions, order of operations etc and use up to five cards.
➢ Players need to articulate how they make the answer, trying to gather more cards than their partner.

VARIATIONS:

Roll two dice making a two digit number as the target. Or roll 2 dice and add the numbers to make a target.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for St Vincent de Paul Primay School to allow us to communicate directly to parents. It works both on smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets) Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents.

This App will be used to receive

- Free Push notification alerts
- School Newsletters
- School Documents
- School Events

**HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG ON YOUR SMARTPHONE**

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ART SHOW 2013

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

4PM – 7PM

ENTER AT OFFICE ENTRANCE AND WANDER THE HALLS TO SEE THE WONDERFUL ART OF OUR STUDENTS.

GOLD COIN DONATIONS TO HELP COVER COSTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PLEASE NO SCHOOL BAGS TO BE WORN DUE TO LIMITED SPACE.

THERE WILL BE NO ENTRANCE OR EXIT FROM THE JUNIOR YARD.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A 'MESSAGE TO THE ARTIST' FORM TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO YOUR FAVOURITE ARTISTS.

Helpers Needed

If you are able to help set up the art show even for an hour or two please fill out the form below and I can allocate jobs to helpers.

Many Thanks

Frances Williams

Yes, I can help on

Monday September 16th at _____ for _____ (e.g 1 hour)

OR

Tuesday September 17th at _____ for _____

Signed____________________

Parent of___________________ in year ___________ Blue, Gold, Green?