19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
Luke 22:19

Congratulations to our Year Four students who celebrated receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the past two weekends. The First Communion Masses were very joyous and special celebrations for the First Communicants, their families, their teachers and our Parish Community. The children should be commended for their reverence and prayerfulness at each Mass. Thank-you to the members of the choir who gave their time and talent for these special occasions.

lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our child the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep him/her ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue and that he/she may continue to receive You throughout life. Amen.
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Year Four students who celebrated receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the past two weekends. The First Communion Masses were very joyous and special celebrations for the First Communicants, their families, their teachers and our Parish Community. Congratulations also to the performing arts group and athletics team that represented the school at recent interschool events, their behaviour, cooperation and involvement in these activities continues to set a high standard for all to follow.

REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY

We have several families from Sri Lanka and one from Iran living in our Parish.

These families are new arrivals to Australia. They are striving to find a home here. I invite you to come to a meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm to set up a program to assist them.

At the moment the main areas to assist are helping them to learn to speak English and our customs. Also we would like to offer them outings, as they are not able to work and spend many hours at home without any contact with others. Their native languages are Persian or Tamil.

Please come to the meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

LITTLE ATHLETICS

The Essendon Little Athletics Centre provides weekly competition for children aged 5-15 years old. The Centre is run by volunteers and promotes the ideals of ‘Family, Fun and Fitness’. Essendon Little Athletics Centre is holding a Registration Day for the 2013/14 Track & Field season on Saturday 21st September between 9am-11am in the pavilion at the Moonee Valley Athletics Track, Corio Street, Moonee Ponds. Registration Fees for Season 2013/14 will be $110.00 each for the first two children and $100.00 each other child, with a weekly competition fee of $2.00 per child or $5.00 for a family of three or more. For further information please contact Gwen Timmins 0438 558 060 or email essendon@lavic.com.au

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The last day of Term Three is traditionally a footy colours day to celebrate the end of term. Children wishing to may dress up to support their team in footy jumpers/beanies/t-shirts/scarf of anything that shows support of their chosen team.

FOOTY / SOCCER / T BALL JUMPERS: Any student in Year 5 or 6 that has not yet returned the school jumpers from interschool sport or the battle of the Saint games is asked to do so by the end of this term. There appears to be a number that have not made it back to school so please check.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

Congratulations to the St Vincent de Paul Athletics Team who competed in very windy conditions at Keilor Park on Monday. Fourteen students have progressed to the Regional Athletics next Tuesday in individual events along with the 11 year Boys and Girls Relay Team. Thanks to all parents who came to support our team.

Good luck to all these students.
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 eg - 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.

**OUTSTANDING FEES AND LEVIES**

Term Three School Fee and Capital Levy - now overdue and payable **IMMEDIATELY**. 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.

**ART SHOW 2013**

**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**TERM THREE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**4.00pm – 7.00pm**

**AS YEAR ONE ARE USING THE HALL, THE ART SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CORRIDORS AND KIRINARI CENTRE**

**CLASSROOM HELPER WORKSHOP – CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to congratulate the following members of our school community on successfully completing the Classroom Helper Workshop. We look forward to welcoming you as Classroom Helpers at St Vincent’s. Your support enables the teachers to maximise the learning potential and experiences of the students in their care.

**Congratulations to:** Emmaleigh McMahon, Louise Cody, Siobhan Leahy, Irene Tseros and Jessica Gilbert.

*Jo Power – Literacy Coordinator*  
*Jo Pringle – Mathematics Coordinator*  
*Anthony Montesano – Developmental Coordinator*
BEYOND TENNIS HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Beyond Tennis Holiday Workshop at St Vincent Tennis Club

- 3-5 year olds
  Wednesday 2nd October at 9.00am-10.30am ($20 per Person)

- 6-9 year olds
  Thursday 3rd October at 9.00am-11.00am ($40 per Person)

- 10+ year olds
  Friday 4th October at 9.00am-12.00pm ($60 per Person)

Inclusive: Racquets, prizes, snack and drinks

- Parents
  Saturday 5th October at 9.00am-10.30am ($30 per Person)
Inclusive: Racquets, snacks, drinks, Tennis and fitness

In Term 4 Edge fit Tennis for Parents:

- Beginner – intermediate classes (C & D Grade Players)
  Monday at 9.30am – 10.30am
  Friday at 10.15am – 11.15am

- Advanced (A & B Grade Players)
  Friday at 9.00am-10.00am

Inclusive Tennis, Fitness and learning
$5 for initial session then $15 for subsequent sessions

For more information on Holiday Workshop and Term 4 Edge Fit Tennis, please see school notice or contact us at info.beyondtennis@gmail.com or call Sevvy 0421 486 830/Connie 0402 322 181.

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.....
  (friends 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 Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Prep Gold: Isaac Hengel; Caitlin Galliott; Jacob Nguyen; Ayden Vella; James Gibbons; Sienna Bezzina
Prep Blue: Benjamin Ponte; Marco Marino; Joel Hannes; Sienna D’Andrea;
Prep Green: Emily Zanko; Michael La Verde; Bradley Pink; Lucas Pane;
1 Blue: Avril Kelly; Lauren Marino; Marc Overman; Christopher Scerri; Christian Charles; Clara La Vita;
1 Gold: Rachel Wooden; Harrison Cardamone; Joseph Scerri;
2 Gold: Alice Hengel; Damian Ponte; Isaac Dean; Claire Crawford; Luca Bezzina
2 Blue: Luca Marino; Rudi Weinber; Renee Thompson; Ben Cervetto;
2 Green: Hayden Pink; Xavier Purcell; Sophia Gibbons;
3 Blue: Christian Cugnetto; Alexandra Arrowsmith; Jessica Pane; Ethan Kapetanovic; Mia Cardamone;
3 Gold: Amelia Marino; Ellie D’Andrea;
4 Blue: Sam Hengel; Dylan Pink; Max Marino;
4 Gold: Patrick Overton;
6 Gold: Grace Hengel;

Today was the final date for verification and the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013 is now closed.

Congratulations to the students who registered and completed the challenge, you should be very proud of your achievement.

In October/November certificates from Premier Napthine will be issued to students and The Age Honour Roll will be published.

Thank you again for yet another successful challenge.

Keep reading and until next year;

Alison Mammone Challenge Co-ordinator. alisonmammone@optusnet.com.au

CALENDAR 2013 - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

SEPTEMBER

15th Art Show
20th Footy Colour Day
END OF TERM THREE (STUDENTS DISMISS AT 1.30PM)

OCTOBER

7th TERM FOUR BEGINS
15th St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Activities
23rd Parish Education Board Meeting – 7.30 pm (Staffroom)
Mass – Year Five
30th Mass – Year Four

NOVEMBER

4th SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
5th MELBOURNE CUP
6th Mass – Year Three
8th Whole School Sports Day
13th Mass – Year Two
Parent Assoc AGM -7.00pm
Parish Education Board – 7.30pm
14th Prep Parent Information Night - 7.30pm
15th Prep Orientation 2014
20th Mass – Year One
27th Mass – Year Prep

DECEMBER

2nd Prep Orientation 2014
4th Planning Day – School Closure
10th COLLECTION OF BOOKS ORDERS
13th Parent Helper Morning Tea
13th Graduation – Year Six – ALL STUDENTS FROM ALL GRADES TO ATTEND
18th WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – 10.00AM
ASSEMBLY – YEAR 6
END OF YEAR 1.30PM
Skoolbag is a mobile App for St Vincent de Paul Primay School to allow us to communicate directly with parents. It works on both smartphones 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**

Simply search for ‘St Vincent de Paul Strathmore’ in the Apple App Store.

Select install on your phone, wait for the App to install.

Open the App make sure you select “OK” to allow push notifications. This will allow us to update information to you for bus arrival times, cancellations of sports days due to inclement weather etc.

Click “More” then “Setup” and select the year level which you would like to receive notifications for.

**HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG ON YOUR ANDROID**

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Chess Ideas

St. Vincent de Paul Primary School
Chess Club - Term 4, 2013

Term Starts 16th October

Date: 16/10 – 27/11 (7 weeks - Programme)

Time: Wednesday Lunch Time

Cost: $10.00 per lesson - $70.00 for the term

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount.

Students will not receive a refund for classes missed but students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.” or we accept payment by MasterCard, and Visa either by phone, 9532-8370, fax, 9532-8360, email admin@chessideas.com.au or post. (Please complete the form below and return with payment). PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE DONE ONLINE at www.chessideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 4, 2013
St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________________________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: ___________________________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: ___________________________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ___________________________

CCV # ___________________________

Please enclose $70.00 and send to: ‘Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.’ PO Box 3158, Ripponlea Vic 3185, or phone 9532 - 8370 or fax 9532 - 8360 with credit card details between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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