



Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

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Reflection



2019 Reflection

Let's look back to the reading and theme that we chose at the beginning of the year. It was the Parable of the Sower.

The parable of the sower is clear. The seed sown is the word of God. The sower is our Lord Jesus Christ, by himself, or by his ministers. Preaching to a multitude is sowing the corn; we know not where it will light. Some sort of ground, though we take ever so much pains with it, brings forth no fruit to purpose, while the good soil brings forth plentifully.

From this parable we explored the importance of a fertile ground that will allow for the seeds to grow. We too, need to be nourished and faith-filled, so that we can listen and follow in the message that Jesus brings.

Let us pray:

Lord, we thank you for your goodness, your comfort and your guidance. Help us to listen and follow in your way. You have called us to be spirit-filled people, let your message guide us to share in your abundant love and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen



Second Week of Advent - Sunday 8th December

Introduction:

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of Jesus' birth and that his birth took place in a stable. The second candle also symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Reading: Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Prayer:

Father, when we pray we expect that you will give us everything we ask for. But sometimes we do not get what we want. Everyone expects that Jesus would have a royal birth, but instead he was born in an old stable. Help us to understand that following Jesus is often difficult and not what we expect. Amen.

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Principal's Message

Prep Orientation

Today the 2020 Prep children participated in their final orientation day before they begin next year. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children and families to the community.

Staffing 2020

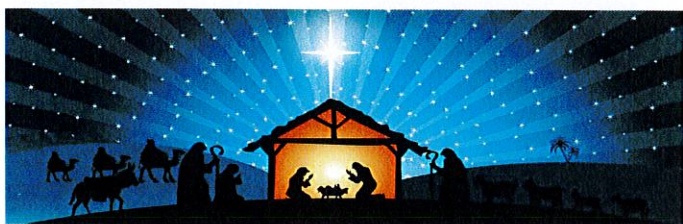
Next Thursday the children will meet their 2020 classroom teachers as part of the transition process for the 2020 school year. The staff have been involved in an extensive process in creating the classes for 2020. Details about staffing will also be provided in next week's newsletter, which will be the final newsletter for 2020.

Reports

Next Wednesday the student Reports will be available to access through the Parent Portal. The teachers have been very busy collating data and identifying achievement levels of all students. This involves taking data from standardised testing including PAT-Maths and PAT-Reading, Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment and Essential Assessment. The teachers also use pre and post data from units covered as well as anecdotal notes recorded throughout the semester. This extensive data is combined to give an accurate assessment of each child's level of learning.

Nativity Play

Next Tuesday the Prep children together with support from Year 5 students will be presenting the Nativity Story in the Church. There will be 2 sessions - the first beginning at 11:45am and the second beginning at 12:30pm. Parents are invited to attend this important event which recounts the details leading up to the first Christmas.



School Picnic

Our school picnic will take place on Monday December 16. Children will walk to Woodland's Park and be involved in a number of activities on the day including dancing, ball games and using the playground facilities at the park. Parents are welcome to attend and each class is looking for volunteers to walk down to the park with the children.

Final Assembly

The Final Assembly for the year will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 17th December in the hall. This will be an opportunity to farewell our graduating Year 6 children and other families who are leaving the school.

Graduation Ceremony

A reminder that the Graduation Ceremony for the Year 6 children will take place next Thursday December 12, beginning at 6:00pm in the church. **We require all children in Year Prep, 5 & 6 to be at the church by 5.45pm.**

The children in Prep and Year 5 are expected to attend this event, together with the Year 6 children who will be graduating. These year levels have an important role to play in the ceremony and we need their support in maintaining these traditions. Children will be supervised by staff and can be collected from the grassed areas outside the church at 6:50pm.



Christmas Carols Evening

Thank you to all those people who attended the Christmas Carols evening on Tuesday evening. It was terrific to see so many families enjoying the beautiful singing from the children. Thank you to Holly Blumfield for her work in preparing the children and the staff for their support of the evening.



Shane Byrne
Principal

"St Vincent de Paul School empowers students to become lifelong learners facing life with faith, hope, humility and resilience."

The St Vincent de Paul Strathmore Christmas Gift Drive



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the St Vincent de Paul Parish Christmas Drive. These donations will go to support the vulnerable women and children at McAuley Community Services for Women and the Caroline Chisholm Society.

McAuley Community Services for Women support women and their children who want to be safe from family violence by providing 24/7 crisis support and temporary accommodation. The staff work alongside women who are in this situation to plan the steps they need to take to move towards a new life free from violence.

The Caroline Chisholm society support mothers and their babies and toddlers, who may be experiencing domestic violence, offering material goods to alleviate financial stress. The staff also offer social and emotional support to mothers who may be experiencing domestic violence.

Thank you also to our parent helpers and the Year 6 Mini Vinnies students who sorted and boxed all the donated items.



McAuley Community
Services for Women
A ministry of the Sisters of Mercy



Book Orders

There are a number of families that have not yet placed a book order or collected their books. You may place an order online at www.campion.com.au using "6DXQ" as your code.

All book orders that need to be picked up, must be picked up at Campion 319-321 Pascoe Vale Rd, Essendon.

Napier Park Christmas Carols

The 29th annual Christmas Carols and Street Party in Napier Park will be held on Saturday 14th December at 7.30 pm.

Come along and celebrate the festive season, with friends, family and neighbours.

Come early, bring a torch, chair, food and drink and meet on the Noble Avenue side of Napier Park.

Strathmore Rotary will be providing a sausage sizzle from 6 pm.

The street will be closed to traffic from 5pm.

Inquiries: Mark Roberts - 0418 179 107



Kinder Vacancies for 2020

St Aidan's Preschool in Strathmore has vacancies for 2020.

The timetable has changed, which means we have vacancies in 3 year old and limited spots in 4 year old (see further information in the Notices section of this Newsletter).

3 Year Olds

Choice of 1 or 2 days: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am to 1:30pm

4 Year Olds

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30am to 1:30pm.

Contact the kinder on 9379 4879 or
st.aidans.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 30th January - Friday 27th March
(Easter 10th - 13th April)

Term 2

Tuesday 14th April - Friday 26th June

Term 3

Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4

Monday 5th October - Wednesday 16th December

Notices



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Timeline for Second Round 2021 Year 7 Enrolments

17 April 2020 Closing Date for **SECOND ROUND** enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021

Late applications will be considered if spaces are available, please contact the Registrar

22 April to 29 May 2020 Principal interviews Year 7 applicants and their parents/guardians

Parents are requested to bring copies of:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Grade 5 End-of-Year Report plus Grade 6 Term 1 Report
- Grade 5 NAPLAN Results
- Visa or Australian Citizenship Certificate (if born overseas)

12 June 2020 Offers for places to successful second round applicants sent in mail

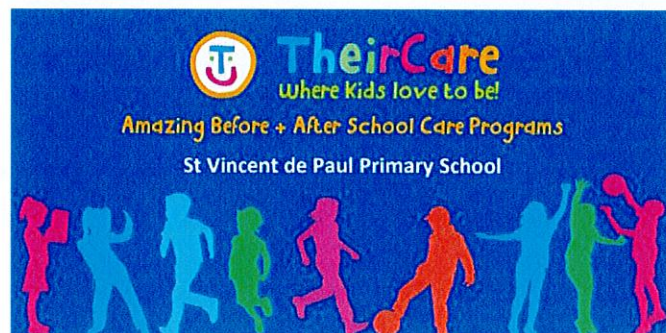
17 July 2020 Closing date for acceptance of placement by second round applicants

Tour bookings are essential and can be made online at www.trybooking.com/BGLOG

Tours of the St Mary's Campus, West Melbourne, will be held at **9:15am** on the following dates for 2020:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Tuesday 11 Feb	Wednesday 22 April	Friday 17 July	Tuesday 13 October
Wednesday 19 Feb	Wednesday 6 May	Wednesday 29 July	Friday 23 October
Tuesday 3 March	Tuesday 19 May	Friday 7 August	Wednesday 4 November
Thursday 12 March	Wednesday 3 June	Wednesday 19 August	Friday 13 November
Friday 20 March	Wednesday 10 June	Friday 28 August	
	Thursday 18 June	Thursday 3 September	
		Friday 11 September	

To request a prospectus, or for any general enquiries, please contact our Registrar,
Maria De Fazio (03) 9321 9207 OR info@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au



About the program

TheiCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

St Vincent de Paul Primary School has partnered with TheiCare to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times	Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average*
Before School Care 7:00am - 8:30am	\$19.00	\$5.64 - \$19.00	\$7.84
After School Care 3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$27.00	\$4.73 - \$27.00	\$8.40
Pupil Free Day 7:00am - 6:00pm	\$60.00	\$9.00 - \$60.00	\$17.40
Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC

Service Phone Number: 0474 007 664 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheiCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheiCare** website: www.theicare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees including insurance / exclusion costs

*Based on 1885 published average family income for the suburb the school is located



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College Tours 2020

St Columba's College Tour dates for 2020 are now available. Bookings are made online via the College website www.columba.vic.edu.au

Apply now for Year 7 2022. For all other enrolment enquiries please contact the College Registrar on 9331 9128 or email registrar@columba.vic.edu.au

St Columba's College wishes all families a happy and holy Christmas.



Important Dates

DECEMBER						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3 2020 Booklist Pickup Christmas Carols 6pm	4 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	5 Parent Helper Morning Tea 11am	6	7	8
9	10 Prep Nativity Play	11 Yr 6 Big Day Out	12 Graduation Ceremony	13	14	15
16 School Picnic	17 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 End of School Year Mass School finishes 1:30pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Students Commence for 2020	31		

FEBRUARY						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Opening School Mass	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Reconciliation Parent Night 7:30pm	21	22 Yr 3 Reconciliation Family Mass	23 Yr 3 Reconciliation Family Mass
24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass	27	28	29	