Welcome back to everyone in our school community. It was great to see all the happy and smiling faces as the children arrived on Tuesday. The energy and excitement of the children was infectious! It did seem rather early to be starting back on January 23rd! The staff has been back hard at work for some days now but the school came to life with the arrival of the students and many of their parents on Tuesday. It was obvious what a vibrant community we are and how much we needed to catch up.

A very warm and special welcome to the families who are new to our school community. We hope that your child will take advantage of the rich academic, spiritual, athletic and extra-curricular offerings that St Vincent’s is fortunate to be able to offer. We also hope that you will enjoy the richness of St Vincent’s as a community of students and adults (school and parish staff, parents and friends and community members) who work and grow together. We begin the year with over 770 students!

A huge thank you to all parents for the fantastic way that your children were prepared for school. Once again we experienced a ‘smooth’ start to the year and that is a direct reflection on the positive way you have prepared the children.

The clear majority of our students arrived in full school uniform, looking fantastic. Parent are asked to ensure that their child’s sport shoes do not have neon or brightly coloured laces.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Please embrace the opportunity to attend our Parent Information Nights beginning next week. You will be able to meet your child’s teacher and continue to build the vital home-school partnership that drives student success.

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MISSING A PHONE CALL?
If you have missed a phone call from the School please ensure you check your messages first.

Quite often we get phone calls from parents saying they have missed a call but haven’t checked their messages to see who it was that called them.

ARRIVING LATE
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EARLY DEPARTURE
Children who leave early must be signed out by the parent before they can be released from school. Early Departure slips are issued from the Front Office.

Parents and friends of St Vincent’s are warmly invited to attend our Beginning of School Year Liturgy to be held in the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 5th February at 2.15pm. The theme of our celebration parallels the theme of the Year of Youth which is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Pope Francis told the young people gathered at the 2016 World Youth Day in Brazil that:

‘Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths.
To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable for spreading joy, the joy that is born of God’s love...’

It is from these words that the theme for this Year of Youth comes.

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The sacramental program continues in Semester One this year for children who are currently enrolled in the program carrying over from 2017 (these children will have already been confirmed). The children will be preparing for the reception of the sacrament of Holy Communion or First Eucharist which will take place in late May / early June.

In the second semester, children are invited to be enrolled in the next cohort preparing for Confirmation, Penance and Holy Communion.

COMMUNICATION AT ST VINCENT’S

Quality Relationships are at the core of our Mercy Qualities and our School Covenant and the importance of good communication cannot be underestimated. We have over 770 students, 65 staff members and around 500 families - all up, we have a community approaching 2000 people. Good communication amongst these people is essential to provide the best possible education for our students. This communication is not just about the school communicating, but requires parents, students and staff to feel able to communicate their aspirations, concerns and ideas. To minimise the risk of miscommunication, there are some basic principles that we ask parents, staff and students to follow.

One of the best ways that parents can help their children succeed in school is to be involved with their education. This starts with good communication between you and your child’s teacher. This policy acknowledges the need for stakeholders to communicate in a courteous and respectful manner at appropriate times with timely feedback.

MISCOMMUNICATION IS USUALLY THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF CONFLICT
Check before you react. Remember that the vast majority of people are good people and want the best for your child and other people. Often, children see things from their world and often don’t understand what leads up to a situation and so only communicate part of the story. Our school covenant reminds us all that ‘we solve conflict with dignity and care’.

GO TO THE STAFF MEMBER CLOSEST TO THE SITUATION
Speak first to the most appropriate person, don’t go “over someone’s head” until you have spoken to them. Please do not discuss issues or people “in the public arena”. We are about building community not destroying people and their reputations. PARENTS SHOULD NEVER APPROACH A CHILD TO RESOLVE AN INCIDENT.

 Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, record absences and access the latest news.
WHEN TO COMMUNICATE IS ALWAYS A HARD BALANCE
At the beginning of the year when everything is new, sometimes it may be best to wait, but generally speaking, if it is worrying you, don’t wait; talk to the staff member closest to the situation. We do not want to solve all of our children’s problems, but a quiet word to the teacher can alert them to an issue before it gets too big.

DON’T WAIT FOR A PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW
If you want to know how your child is going, then make an appointment to see the teacher.

THE BIGGER THE ISSUE THE MORE TIME IT TAKES TO RESOLVE
No matter who you see, make an appointment so the person is there and they can put aside enough time to deal with it thoroughly.

DON’T TRY TO SORT OUT A PROBLEM BETWEEN YOUR CHILD AND ANOTHER AT SCHOOL BY APPROACHING A CHILD OR HIS/HER PARENT – SPEAK TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER.
No parent has the right to approach a child from another family about a school incident. Don’t speak on behalf of others – Delegations and speaking for others often ends up with the “others” not backing you up when the crunch comes. If you have a concern, please raise it with the most appropriate person (refer to the table below for a guide). Supporting the school does not always mean agreeing with it, but using the communication channels and processes that respect all members of the community, will support us in community building and in what we are hoping to achieve. Gossip is usually wrong and never resolves issues.

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Please ensure you display your child’s name and/or surname clearly to ensure a smooth and timely pickup in the afternoon.

RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS AND OBEYING THE ROAD RULES
Before and after school, we do particularly well as a school community receiving and sending off over 750 children into or from the school grounds. It is a busy street in that afternoon period particularly. The drive through pick-up works very efficiently—sincere thanks for your continued co-operation and signs.

Please remember when you are queuing up for the drive through to consider the needs of our school neighbours who need a clear exit from the driveways/roads onto Fairway Drive. **Be sure not to queue across roads or access points, ‘cut in’ and PLEASE obey all traffic road rules.**

DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP
Getting our students home, safely and quickly in the afternoon is a priority for us. Our drive through processes work efficiently but rely on all members of the community doing their bit.

Staff will
- supervise children until 3.30pm
- ensure children move safely to cars
- treat students and parents respectfully

Parents are asked
- to give their child enough time to arrive from their classroom before they arrive
- to follow staff members requests, particularly if asked to move to a carpark space because a child has not arrived at the drop off zone or has been sent to another area to wait
- to display a sign with your child’s name on it
- to treat school staff respectfully

Students are expected
- to move quickly from their classroom to the drop off zone
- to sit and face the driveway so they can see their car arrive
- to put all items in their school bag (including handballs, soccer balls, games, gifts etc)
- to follow the directions of staff members and treat them with respect

ROAD SAFETY
IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

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NUT FREE ZONE
We have several children who have severe reactions and/or life threatening reactions when exposed to any form of nuts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter as we try to ensure a safe environment for all our children at St Vincent’s.

St Vincent’s strives to be a nut free zone.
Please help us keep our students safe.

ADMINISTRATION OF PARACETAMOL

From time to time your child may need a panadol (for fever, pain or discomfort). For us to be able to administer a panadol to your child the ‘Authority to Administer Paracetamol’ form needs to be completed and signed each year.

There are conditions that apply to administering paracetamol:
- only given in an emergency (ie. fever, pain or discomfort);
- only one dose is to be given;
- parents will be required to take the child home or to a doctor at earliest convenience;
- paracetamol only preparations to be given. No mixtures;
- paracetamol not to be given to those who have had an adverse reaction to it.

The Authority to Administer Paracetamol form is available from the school website, parent portal, and skoolbag. Hard copies are available from the front office. Please return completed forms to the front office.

ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

At times, your child may need to be given medication during school hours that has been prescribed by their doctor ie. antibiotics etc. To administer this medication it is a requirement that parents complete the Student Medication Request Form and return it to the office together with the prescribed medication.

Please ensure that the medication has the original pharmacy label, your child’s name, the dosage, times to be taken and that your child has received the medication at home without ill effects. The medication is kept securely in the Sick Bay room or Fridge. It is the parent/carer responsibility to collect these prescribed medications from the office at the end of the school day.

The Student Medication Request form is available from the school website, parent portal, and skoolbag. Hard copies are available from the front office. Please return the completed form to the front office.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child is injured and his or her injury impacts on the ability to participate in regular school activities, then you need to meet with your child’s year level liaison person to work out an Individual Health Care Plan.

Two examples of recent injuries will suffice to communicate the school’s policy:
- severe ankle sprain or broken bone in foot
- broken arm

These injuries prevent a child from participation in certain activities at school. Our concern as a school is also to do all we can to prevent an accident which might compound the injury or inflict a new one.

We meet with parents of the injured child to ascertain the extent of the injury and to work out what the school day might look like for the child, particularly in areas such as:
- Accessing the classroom
- Being comfortable in the classroom
- Negotiating stairs
- Getting in and out of the car
- Carrying the school bag
- The level of participation in PE/Sport
- Ability to go to the toilet unassisted
- Play times (suggesting alternatives)

Please contact the school to arrange a meeting with your child’s liaison leadership team member should your child’s injury be significant enough to impact on his/her ability to participate in regular school activities.
ST VINCENT’S ON FACEBOOK
St Vincent’s has a Facebook page that we will use to share information of interest for our parent community. You can ‘like’ us at https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Vincents-School-Clear-Island-Waters/526393490758961 or search for us as:
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

To get the most out of education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Parents can encourage their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education.

Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Prep. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10.

It is important to remember that all Australian states and territories have legislation in place that requires parents to ensure their children attend school. These laws apply to all students in government and non-government schools. All Australian governments have agreed to a school attendance target for 2019 where all schools will achieve a minimum of 90 per cent attendance (The Department of Education and Training).

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

Children who arrive late must be signed in by their parents and escorted to their classrooms. Late Arrival slips are issued from the Student Office.

Thank you to those parents who ensure their child arrives on time at school each morning. Arriving at school late has a detrimental effect on both the student arriving late and the students whose learning is disturbed by the late arrivals.

We will continue to monitor the late arrivals each morning, sending texts and contacting families who experience difficulties getting their children to school on time. Please continue to make it a priority to have the children at school in time to begin learning each morning.

EARLY DEPARTURE

No child is allowed to leave the school grounds during the school day on their own accord. A child will only be released from school to his/her parents or an authorised person/s.

Children who leave early must be signed out electronically by the parent at the parent office before they can be released from school. Early Departure slips are issued from the Front Office.

The Principal will determine the validity of the claim made by any person requesting the release of a child.

BAG TAGS

To assist the Student Office with the timely processing of late arrivals, all students have been issued with Bag Tags. New students will be issued with bag tags in the coming weeks. Students need their Bag Tags so that they can sign in and ensure their attendance record is correct.

Due to the increasing number of children who have misplaced/lost their bag tags, families will now be charged for the replacement tags at a cost of $5.

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
We respectfully ask for parents to understand that it is not possible for staff to take orders for the school tuckshop after 10.50am.

Coffee Culture Church Café is now offering a lunch option for children who have no lunch at school.

When a parent has forgotten to order lunch and contacts the school prior to 10.50am
- A phone order (to be paid by the parent over the phone) can be made and it will be sent to the tuckshop
- Parents can contact Coffee Culture Church Café who can provide lunch at a cost of $8.50. Payment by credit card at the time of ordering is required. They will deliver the food to the office which will then be passed on to the student
- Cheese, crackers and an apple will be offered at a cost of $3.50 (to be paid by the parent over the phone)
- Alternatively, someone may bring food to the office which will then be passed on to the student asap.

Once morning tea has begun, and tuckshop personnel and volunteers are involved in serving and the preparation of lunches, no further orders can be taken.

When a student presents to the Student Office after 10.50am and before 1pm
- Parents can contact Coffee Culture Church Café who can provide lunch at a cost of $8.50. Payment by credit card at the time of ordering is required. They will deliver the food to the office which will then be passed on to the student
- Cheese, crackers and an apple will be offered at a cost of $3.50 (to be paid by the parent over the phone)
- Alternatively, someone may bring food to the office which will then be passed on to the student asap.

When a student presents to the Student Office after 1.20pm
- Cheese, crackers and an apple will be offered at a cost of $3.50 (to be paid by the parent over the phone)
- Alternatively, someone may bring food to the office which will then be passed on to the student asap.

All parent volunteers must complete training to become a registered volunteer before they can be parent helpers.

The volunteer’s course is available on-line through the Brisbane Catholic Education, (BCE), website and you are able to complete it whenever you choose. There is a form at the end of the online course that you can print, fill out and drop in at the front office or scan and email to probina@bne.catholic.edu.au and we will add you to the 2018 volunteer database.

The link for the BCE site is: http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Any non-parent volunteers must undergo employment screening and receive a Positive Blue Card for Volunteers. The volunteer cannot work at the school until the Positive Notice Blue Card is received. There is no charge for volunteers to receive the Blue Card.

If you require assistance with this procedure please contact Colleen Tootell (Community Care Liaison) who will guide you through the process.

Please note if you have completed the course in a previous year, you will need to update your paperwork. Parents are asked to sign the Volunteers Suitability Declaration again and return to the office. These forms are available from the school website, parent portal and skoolbag. Hard copies are available from the front office.

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
As the new school year begins, St Vincent's Library staff extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students, parents and staff.

Library Staff:
Therese Brennan : Teacher Librarian
Janine Yates : School Officer

Opening Hours: 8.30am till 3.30pm
Lunchtime: 1.30pm till 2:00pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Borrowing: For students in Grades One - Six, borrowing of library books will be the responsibility of the classroom teacher. Borrowing days are as below. Students will browse the shelves and select a book or two to take home. Prep students will borrow in their library lesson on Tuesdays.

We encourage students to borrow weekly. Students in Grade Five and Six may keep their books for up to two weeks. If students finish reading their book/s before their next library borrowing session, they can return and borrow another book at lunch time, before or after school. When borrowing books, students must use their library satchel. All students are given a green satchel when starting at St Vincent’s. If lost, satchels cost $10 and are available through the uniform shop.

For any enquires or concerns, please call in or email Therese at tbrennan@bne.catholic.edu.au

Therese Brennan
Teacher Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
Permission forms for the swimming carnival will be sent to parents electronically on Monday 29th January via our new Parent Paperwork Online System.

Permission can then be given electronically.

ST VINCENT’S 2018 SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our annual Senior Swimming Carnival for Years Four to Six (and Year Three students born 2009 able to swim 50m events, chosen from the trials last year) will be held next Friday 2nd February 2018 at the Miami Pool, Pizzey Park. All children will swim in a minimum of four events and the carnival will still go ahead if there is wet weather. In case of severe inclement weather a SMS message will be sent early Friday morning.

The carnival will commence at 9:15am, with buses departing St Vincent’s at 8:50am after rolls are taken and returning to school in time for students to be dismissed from class as per normal.

There is the option of taking your child directly to the pool between 9:00am and 9:15am and collecting them at 2:15pm. If your child is travelling to/from the Miami pool by private transport please fill in the required permission form.

PERMISSION FORMS FOR THE CARNIVAL WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY MONDAY 29 JANUARY VIA OUR NEW PARENT PAPERWORK ONLINE SYSTEM WHERE PERMISSION IS GIVEN ELECTRONICALLY.

All children must wear the St Vincent’s swim rash shirt at the pool on the day. When children are not competing they will either be wearing their rash shirt or house coloured shirt.

Students must have: House Swim cap (these will be handed out to children), School red rashie, Sports uniform with house coloured tee shirt, school hat, swimmers (girls one-piece, boys racing togs – jammers or brief), towel, sunscreen, goggles and footwear (thongs preferred). Please ensure children bring a healthy lunch and at least 2 cold water bottles.

The eastern or Pacific Ave side of the pool, including the grandstand, is for students and staff only. Also, please leave the ends of the pool free as they are used for organising, judging and moving students to the toilet facilities.

School operates as normal on Friday for all children in Prep, Year One, Year Two and those children in Year Three not attending the carnival.

The timetable of events for the Swimming Carnival will be available on Skoolbag and the Parent Portal on the day prior.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY
The Hinterland Green district swimming trials for children 10-12 years (born 2008, 2007, 2006) will be held on Monday 12th February at The Southport School (TSS). The first two placegetters from heat one of each of the 50m events at our St Vincent’s carnival will qualify for this carnival if they wish to attend. If students who have already qualified wish to be seeded on the day or compete in 100m events official times must be emailed or handed in to Mr Brennan by Wednesday 7th February. A note will be sent home on Monday 5th February for those that have qualified.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CARNIVAL: FRIDAY 2 MARCH
Later this term, on Friday 2 March, the Catholic Primary Schools Swimming carnival will be held at Miami pool, Pizzey Park. This carnival is for children born 2006-2010 (8-12 years) and selection will be based on placement at our school swimming carnival, with the first three placegetters in heat one of freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke and the top two placegetters in butterfly qualifying. A trial will be held out of school hours for the 8 years (2010) age group for children who are very competent 50m swimmers. Information on this trial will be given to all Year Two & Year Three children born in 2010 in the coming weeks.

HINTERLAND DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS
Representative trials for a range of Primary Schools sports will be held this term besides the swimming carnival, including Netball, Cricket, AFL, Basketball, Soccer and Boys Rugby League. Once notification is received from the convenors of these sports after-school trials will be held in which schools may send athletes deemed of a representative standard. This usually means playing at a representative level in the sport outside school to a high or very high level. Other sports (eg Rugby Union, Hockey, Touch, Tennis, Softball, Girls Rugby League) will conduct trials later in the year.

RUNNERS CLUB 2018
Runners Club will restart from Monday 5th February, and will be held each Monday and Wednesday thereafter unless weather intervenes. This year there are a number of changes to how Runners Club will operate.

Firstly, we have a new start time, 8am. This is to ensure that children arriving for activities are supervised from the outset and if running is cancelled children will go the the Shed as per a normal school day.

Secondly, because activities are all conducted in supervised school hours there is no requirement for a sign on, so it will be turn up and get active straight away.

Thirdly, all Runners Club activities will be conducted on the oval in the area east of the cricket pitch. Any student of St Vincent’s who is wearing appropriate running gear (including sports uniform) may participate but will not be allowed to leave the activity area until the conclusion at 8:20am. Once Runners Club is finished participants either change into their school uniform or, if already in sports uniform, join all other students in pre-class supervised areas.

Finally, there will be at least two teachers supervising Runners Club at each session on a roster system. Mr Stone’s incredible energy over the past decade in conducting Runners Club cannot be matched by any one person, so we have a team ensuring the running spirit continues.

SPORT NEWS CONT...
Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, record absences and access the latest news.
Children at St Vincent’s have two pathways for learning guitar. The best way is through our guitar teacher, Michael Ginsberg. Michael is a professional guitarist who will do a great job teaching your children to play guitar. Families need to pay for these lessons. To arrange for before school lessons, contact Michael at ginnysguitarlab@gmail.com.

The second pathway occurs for beginners on a Thursday at lunch time and on Mondays during lunch (prior to assemblies) with David Boulton (APRE). Mr Boulton teaches children chords that enable them to join in playing at assemblies and school liturgies. The entry level for lessons with Mr Boulton is students from Year Three.

To express interest in these lessons/opportunities, please contact me at daboulton@bne.catholic.edu.au.

St Vincent’s welcomes Jeffrey Reid as the woodwind and percussion teacher. Jeff will also be our band leader, fulfilling the role vacated by Col Hoy who retired at the end of last year.

Jeff will be at school on Monday 29 January to meet the students in a short assembly in the Shed at 2.00pm. After this assembly, Jeff will hand out “Initial Interest” Forms to students interested in joining the program. The entry point into the program is Year Three.

Unfortunately, at this point we do not have a brass teacher for the program. While we look for someone to take this role, we will begin the woodwind and percussion program as soon as Jeff has an indication of a viable number of students.

Welcome one and all – to our returning families and many new ones. Classes are currently being timetabled and will begin in week three. We have a very exciting year planned and all families will receive their newsletter by email this week. (If you do not receive yours by this Thursday, please let me know as a matter of urgency).

We currently have some positions available across all grades and if any families not as yet participating in our programme, would like to take the opportunity to join us, please send me an email as soon as possible. I can then check for a position and will reply with the enrolment form and details.

2017 was such a successful year with many activities and personal achievements – 2018 is going to be even greater! Wishing you all the best as you settle into the year.

Anita Eldridge – Programme Director
aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
The initial login requires you to verify your identity and setup a password


2. After clicking on the Parent Portal link you will be met with a login screen.

3. Select Brisbane Catholic Education and select Forgotten Password/First-Time Login

4. Under the Parents heading there are two titles. Choose whichever applies to you.
   - First time logging in? (this is for parents who have never logged into the parent portal) and
   - Forgotten your password? (this is for parents who need to reset their password).

5. Enter your personal email address that you have provided to the school and click Next.

6. Check your email for a security code and enter the corresponding security code in the screen that follows and click Next.

7. Ensure that Password Reset option is selected and enter your desired password in both boxes before clicking Next.

Now that you have set your password you can login to the Parent Portal

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

ST VINCENT'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays | 9.00 AM
Starting 31 January
Classroom 6E
(opp Yr 3/4 block)

Most people who love to read, love to talk about what they read! If you are one of these people, come and share your love of good stories and books with us!

We meet once a month on a Wednesday morning, 9.00am in Classroom 6E
(opp Yr 3/4 block).

We are members of the GC City Library & have access to multiple copies of each book.
All St Vincent’s parents & friends are welcome!

TERM ONE
31 January | 28 February | 28 March

If you have any questions, please contact:
Colleen: ctootell@bne.catholic.edu.au

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us for an informal coffee & conversation morning

Meet other Mums and enjoy making new and lasting friendships

TERM ONE
Week 3 - 7th February
Week 7 - 7th March
9am @ Coffee Culture Café
Sacred Heart Church

Contact
Colleen Tootell
Enhancement Team – Community Support
tootell@bne.catholic.edu.au

CHESS CLUB

Attention Parents!

Coaching days & time:
Tuesday Mornings (7:30am – 8:30am).

Venue:
Media Room
St Vincent’s Primary

Dates:
Term 1 – January 30 to March 27
9 weeks

Please go to our website and click register for more details.

www.chesspeople.com.au
Email: info@chesspeople.com.au
Phone: Admin 0404 766 388

SOUTH COAST NETBALL CLUB

COMPETITIONS 2018

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING

• Commencing February
• Open to Yrs - Adults
• Boys also welcomed and encouraged to join

“TRAIN & PLAY”
AT MALLAWA COURTS, PALM BEACH

SOUTH COAST netball assoc
Belief - Pride - Respect

REGISTRATION DAY
27 JAN & 3 FEB 2018

FUTURE TALENT PROGRAM AND COACHING MENTORS
(INCL. SPECIALIST COACHES) AS PART OF THE CLUB PROGRAM.
OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS, EXISTING CLUBS OR SCHOOLS TO JOIN.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:
Belinda Webb, Phone 0422334627
President SouthCoastNetball@gmail.com
GUITAR LESSONS
AT ST VINCENT’S

Following the success of last years’ Guitar Group, St Vincent’s will be conducting group lessons for students Prep to Year 6 ALL YEAR from:

7:30am-8:30am Mon-Fri

Michael from Ginnys Guitar Lab will be the Music Director and Guitar Instructor.

Ginnys Guitar Lab offers:
- professional quality Guitar Lessons for students Prep-Year 6
- a structured, proven method that enables each student to play their instrument with a high level of skill and technique, within a very short amount of time

For more information contact Michael on:
M: 0414 435 009 or E: ginnysguitarlab@gmail.com

DANCE

WELCOME BACK!

Dance Classes commence on:

Tuesday 13th February—Hip Hop/Jazz
Wednesday 14th February—Tap

Enrolment forms available from the School Office.

Katrina and Donna Dominiak - Dance Teachers
Ph: 5573 4478 or 0421 559 393