CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 1 February
6pm Parent Info Session—Yr 1
7pm Parent Info Session—Yr 2

Monday 5 February
2.15pm Whole School Liturgy

Tuesday 6 February
7:30am Chess Club

Wednesday 7 February
2pm Prep-Yr2 Assembly (Shed)
2pm Yr3-4 Assembly (Media Rm)
2.30pm Yr5-6 Assembly (Media Rm)

Thursday 8 February
Senior Swimming Carnival

Friday 9 February
Yr 6 Surf Safety Day

Monday 12 February
2.15pm Prayer Assembly

Tuesday 13 February
SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake Breakfast
7.30am Chess Club
Yr 4 Incursion

Wednesday 14 February
ASH WEDNESDAY
2pm Prep-Yr2 Assembly (Shed)
2pm Yr3-4 Assembly (Media Rm)
2.30pm Yr5-6 Assembly (Media Rm)

Thursday 15 February
6pm Prep Reading & Info Night

Friday 16 February
Yr 6 Surf Safety Day

Monday 19 February
2.15pm Prayer Assembly

Tuesday 20 February
7.30am Chess Club

Wednesday 21 February
2pm Prep-Yr2 Assembly (Shed)
2pm Yr3-4 Assembly (Media Rm)
2.30pm Yr5-6 Assembly (Media Rm)

Monday 26 February
2.15pm Prayer Assembly

Tuesday 27 February
7.30am Chess Club

Wednesday 28 February
Yr 6 Leadership Day (St Kevin’s)

Thursday 1 March
Prep Welcome Morning Tea

Friday 2 March
GC Catholic Schools Swim Carnival

PREP ENROLMENTS
Prep enrolment applications are now being accepted. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2019 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted by the end of February.

DROP OFF
We are currently experiencing a large number of students either being dropped off, or arriving at school before 8:00am. It is important to note that supervision of students begins at 8:00am in the undercover area between the Library and the Prep classrooms; prior to this, there is no supervision provided. Therefore, we ask that students do not arrive to school before 8:00am.

If supervision of students is required before this time, parents are asked to make arrangements with Out of Hours School Care (OHSC).

When gathered in the undercover area between 8:00am and 8:10am, students are asked to sit in their year level area, forming a line. If parents or students are unsure of which area to join, please ask the supervising teacher on duty. During this time, there is to be no running or games played in the undercover area.

At 8:10am additional staff are rostered on to take students to play areas around the school.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Due to a double booking error made by Miami Pool, the Senior Swimming Carnival has been rescheduled to
THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY
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 05 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. Thank you to Luke Riddell and Six Yellow for ‘volunteering’ to host this liturgy, especially given the short lead-in time.

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 13 February  SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE BREKKIE)
Wednesday 14 February  ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 28 February  GC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS YR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY
Sunday 04 March  St Vincent’s Family Parish Mass

PANCAKE TUESDAY BREKKIE (SHROVE TUESDAY)

On Tuesday 13 Feb, we will be hosting our annual Pancake Brekkie before school (from 7.15am) in the area outside the tuckshop. All of the proceeds of this delicious event will be donated to Caritas, an Australian Catholic organisation helping the poor in Australia and all around the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY (14 MARCH)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent – a time of preparing for the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, celebrated at Easter. Traditionally, Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving (giving to the poor). Through fasting we become more disciplined in ourselves and our eating habits, and empathise – even if it is only for a short period of time – with those who are poor or hungry. Through prayer we deepen our relationship with our God. Almsgiving is a practical way in which we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

On Ash Wednesday, the children will receive the ashes in their classroom. Year Six students and their teachers will attend the parish mass at 9.00am and bring ashes from the parish, back to the school. School leaders will then visit each classroom with the ashes during a prayer ritual at approximately 10:15am (Year Three will have their liturgy after morning tea due to Specialist lessons).

When the sign of the cross is traced on our foreheads, we are reminded that growing to be more like Jesus in our everyday lives often requires sacrifice. In reaching out to others, for example, we deny our own desires and wants, putting them aside for the good of another.

Project Compassion boxes will be sent home with the children on or before Ash Wednesday. Families are encouraged to donate through Project Compassion to Caritas Australia. You will be asked to return the Project Compassion box to your child’s classroom before the end of the term.

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.
MISSED 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
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.

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.

FINANCE NEWS
Your school fee statement has been emailed out to you. Please note that fees are due by THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY and your prompt attention in settling fees by this date is greatly appreciated. Would you carefully check your statement and if any discrepancies, please advise.

A direct debit form has been sent home with every student, along with the school structure for 2018. If you did not receive these forms, please call into the office. We encourage our families to complete a direct debit form as this is an easy alternative to pay your school fees — once set up, you don’t have to worry about it again.

Please note that accounts will NOT be emailed out if you have completed a direct debit form, however, if you would like a copy of the account, please email or phone me.

For those families who were on direct debit or credit card payment plan last year with an ending date, a new form for 2018 will need to be completed.

If you are unsure, please phone or email Sharon Simmons (5572 1746 / ssimmons@bne.catholic.edu.au)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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](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 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 Parent Portal and Skoolbag. Hard copies are available from the front office.

If you require assistance with this procedure please email Colleen Tootell (Community Care Liaison) at ctootell@bne.catholic.edu.au who will guide you through the process.

Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, record absences and access the latest news.
St Vincent’s have purchased a subscription to Reading Eggs and/or Reading Eggspress for the duration of 2018. All students in Prep to Year Four have log in details with access to reading activities appropriate for their level of learning. Teachers have assigned student to a class and will soon be assigning reading material and activities to students. It is important to follow teacher instructions for the completion of activities at school and home. If you require assistance, please contact your child’s class teacher, or Mrs Yolanta Hamilton.

**HOW DOES ABC READING EGGS HELP STUDENTS TO LEARN TO READ?**

Designed by Australian literacy experts, ABC Reading Eggs makes learning essential reading and phonics skills easy and fun.

The program uses a highly motivating sequence of online reading lessons, activities and books that keep students engaged and on task.

The team behind ABC Reading Eggs has been producing high-quality educational resources for more than 25 years in Australia, with a focus on learning outcomes, not just technology. ABC Reading Eggs is great for students to use at home to reinforce what they’ve learnt in the classroom.

Students can access ABC Reading Eggs at school, at home and on various devices. It makes learning possible anywhere.

**READING EGGSRESS**

ABC Reading Eggspress makes reading real books, improving spelling skills and building reading comprehension highly engaging for kids aged 7 to 13.

The online reading program is packed with hundreds of interactive reading activities, online children’s books and literacy games. And it really works!

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**Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?**
**CHILDREN WITH NO LUNCH**

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 be then passed on to the student ASAP.

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

**When a student presents to the Student Office after 10:50am and before 1:00pm:**
- 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.

*We respectfully ask for parents to understand that it is not possible for staff to take orders for the school tuckshop after 10:50am.*

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**GUITAR LESSONS**

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 email me at daboulton@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**SENIOR SINGERS CHOIR**

Auditions for Year Five and Six, Senior Singers’ Ensemble take place at morning breaks each day or after 8.20am for this special concert performance choir.

Please see Mrs Bode for an audition time.

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Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
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 Thursday 8th February 2018 at 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 Thursday 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.

Students can be dropped off at the pool from 9:00am. Students must sign in with Mrs Hamilton on arrival at the pool. Please ensure you print and complete the Private Travel form attached to the online permission form and return to your child’s teacher by Monday 5th February.

Students must have: St Vincent’s swim rash shirt (compulsory), House Swim cap (these will be handed out to children), Sports uniform with house coloured T 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 two 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.

NEW PERMISSION FORMS FOR THE CARNIVAL WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH PARENT PAPERWORK

RUNNER’S CLUB

Runner’s Club will restart from Monday 5th February, and will be held each Monday and Wednesday thereafter at 8:00am.

Have you accessed the Parent Portal? Update your details, record absences and access the latest news.
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)
   - 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, then 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

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
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SOUTH COAST NETBALL CLUB
COMPETITIONS 2018
WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND
SATURDAY MORNING
COMPETITIONS
- COMMENCING FEBRUARY
- OPEN TO 5 YRS - ADULTS
- BOYS ALSO WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN

REGISTRATION DAY
27 JAN & 3 FEB 2018
- FUTURE TALENT PROGRAM AND COACHING MENTORS
- OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS, EXISTING CLUBS OR
  SCHOOLS TO JOIN.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:
BELINDA WEBB: PHONE 0432282487
PRESIDENT: SOUTHCOASTNETBALL@GMAIL.COM

Contact Mario - 0403500144

TINY TOTS
LET THE FUN BEGIN

Tiny TOTS is a fun one hour program for children aged 3-5 years. The aim is to
educate in such way that the children will forever associate sport with fun and
continue their pathway to a healthy lifestyle.

The program is designed to introduce young children to the game and
assist to enhance their hand
and foot coordination and motor skills.

Our professional coaches will also help to develop your child's confidence and social
skills in a modified and controlled environment. Our vision is to prepare your
children for the next step in their development.

SIGN ON: 6th February 2018 from 4 - 6pm
START DATE: 7th February 2018 – 11th April 2018
TIMES: from 4.30pm—5.30pm
Cost is $120 which includes the Robina kit (Shirt & Shorts)

NAB AFL Auskick
REGISTER NOW!

WHERE
St Vincents Primary School

WHEN
First session is on Wednesday 14th
February

TIME
3:10pm – 4:10pm

LENGTH
6 weeks

CONTACT
Tim on 5594 5722 or
Tim.Searl@afl.com.au

When you participate in NAB AFL Auskick you receive your very
own football and pack!

Come and see the GC SUNS! Simply register and pay online by
Friday 4th May, to receive a complimentary family pass*

(Upto 2 adults & 3 children) for a selected match to see the mighty
Gold Coast SUNS in action at Metricon Stadium.

Further details about the ticket offer will be sent to eligible
participants in mid-May. *Selected matches only, subject to
availability.

play.afl
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

GUITAR LESSONS
AT ST VINCENT’S
Group Lessons  I  Prep to Year 6

Following the success of last years’ Guitar Group, St Vincent’s will be conducting group lessons ALL YEAR from:

7:30am-8:00am  I  8:00am-8:30am  I  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