CALENDAR DATES

Monday 12 March
2.15pm Prayer Assembly 1Y

Tuesday 13 March
7.30am Chess Club

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

Thursday 15 March
8.40am Prep Welcome Morning Tea

Friday 16 March
National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence (wear orange)
10.15am Class Mass 4B & 4G (Media Rm)

Monday 19 March
2.15pm Prayer Assembly 3B

Tuesday 20 March
7.30am Chess Club
8am School Banking Sign on Day

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

Monday 26 March
2.15pm Prayer Assembly

Tuesday 27 March
7.30am Chess Club

Wednesday 28 March
Camp Quality Puppet Show
9.30am Yrs 4-6
11.10am Prep-Yr 1
12.30pm Yrs 2-3
2pm Prep-Yr2 Assembly (Shed)
2pm Yr3-4 Assembly (Media Rm)
2.30pm Yr5-6 Assembly (Media Rm)

Thursday 29 March
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

Tuesday 17 April
FIRST DAY OF TERM TWO

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT ST VINCENT’S

On Tuesday 06 March, students from Utsunomiya High School in Japan visited St Vincent’s. Year Five students welcomed our visitors and enjoyed a program of planned activities despite the inclement weather! This opportunity for cultural exchange saw our Year Five students doing artwork, dancing, origami, writing their names using kanji, and sharing precious time together with about twenty six Japanese students. Our visitors also enjoyed some sushi. Congratulations and thank you to our Year Five teachers who organised the activities and to the students for their enthusiastic participation.

PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolment applications for 2019 are now being finalised. Any existing, or new family, who has a child ready for Prep in 2019, should ensure the enrolment form is submitted as soon as possible. Interviews for existing families are now being completed. Interviews for new families have commenced.
TWO BLUE ASSEMBLY
On Monday 12 March, One Yellow will lead us in prayer assembly at the Sacred Heart church from 2.10pm.

ST VINCENT’S PARISH MASS
Wow! Thank you families for making such a difference to last Sunday’s Parish Mass. There were over 140 students present from school, with several children remaining with families so we couldn’t physically count them. The presence of the students and their involvement in readings, prayers, singing and actions had an enormous impact. Congratulations everyone. It was also wonderful to see and hear our choir – well done! Sincere thanks also to the staff who came and assisted with music, organisation, supervision, and with the sausage sizzle (cooking in the heat and humidity was challenging!). All contributed to a great morning. There certainly has been a ‘buzz’ through the school since, which indicates that families enjoyed the experience.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is important for all students to be at school every day. When deciding whether to keep your child home from school, please consider the following:
A child should be at school unless:
- The child is too sick to leave the house.
- The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox
- The child has an injury preventing movement around the school
- The child is going on a family holiday that cannot be arranged during school holidays. This must be arranged with the principal in advance.
- The principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child’s attendance.
- A medical or dental appointment could not be made out of school hours (wherever possible, appointments should be made out of school hours).

If your child is absent, a note must be supplied to explain the days missed on their return to school. If your child has seen a medical practitioner, a certificate will help explain the absence. You should also contact the school in advance if you know your child will be away.

Remember
If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling, they often experience learning difficulties later on. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, record absences and access the latest news.
Congratulations to all our St Vincent’s swimmers who placed third overall and second on Percentage (Points divided by number of students) at the annual Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools’ Swimming Carnival last Friday 3 March. Guardian Angels took out the Overall and Percentage trophies on the day.

Special mention to the St Vincent’s Junior Boys (8 & 9 years) who became the first school, other than Guardian Angels or Marymount, to win their division since the inception of the trophy in 2003. Well done also to the Senior Girls (12 years) who took out their category for the first time since 2007. Again, St Vincent’s is the only school other than ‘the big two’ to have won this category in the past twenty years.

A special thank you to Mr Brennan, Mr Riddell & Miss Ulliana on managing the team on the day and to our wonderful support team of parents and friends who made the day very special for our swimmers.

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
**SOUTH COAST SWIMMING RESULTS**

Congratulations to Clare R and Cooper A on their outstanding efforts in qualifying for the South Coast Swimming Team to compete at the Queensland State Titles at Chandler, Brisbane from 19-21 March. This is a great effort and we wish them both well at the championships.

**HINTERLAND DISTRICT TRIALS**

If your child plays at a representative level for their club team and wishes to trial for a place in the Hinterland District team please read the following information. If you wish to nominate please fill in the Hinterland District School Sport Student Information Sheet and have your child bring it to school for Mr Brennan to sign. The relevant information newsletters for each sport are also attached to the school newsletter.

**11Yrs RUGBY LEAGUE**

The Hinterland District Rugby League Trials for 11yrs (born 2007) will be held at Guardian Angels Rugby League fields next Tuesday 13 March from 3:45pm. Those interested need to be playing at a very high standard (club, representative) outside of school and nominate with Mr Bloxsidge by this Friday 10 March.

**12Yrs RUGBY LEAGUE**

The Hinterland District Rugby League Trials for 11yrs (born 2007) will be held at Guardian Angels Rugby League fields next Tuesday 13 March from 3:45pm. Those interested need to be playing at a very high standard (club, representative) outside of school and nominate with Mr Bloxsidge by this Friday 10 March.

**AFL**

The Hinterland District AFL Trials for 12yrs & under will be held at Coomera Anglican College fields on Mondays 14 & 21 March from 4:15pm. Those interested need to be playing at a very high standard (club, representative) outside of school and nominate with Mr Brennan by this Friday 10 March.

**FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FOR BOYS**

The Hinterland District Football (Soccer) Trials for 12yrs & under Boys will both be held on Tuesday 27 March at a venue to be announced. Those students interested need to be playing at a very high standard (club, representative) outside of school and nominate with Mr Brennan by Friday 23 March.

**FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FOR GIRLS**

The Hinterland District Football (Soccer) Trials for 12yrs & under Girls will be held on Tuesday 27 March at Somerset College. Those students interested need to be playing at a very high standard (club, representative) outside of school and nominate with Mr Brennan by Friday 23 March.

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**SPORT NEWS CONT...**

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
Next Friday is the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. St Vincent's Primary School will be taking part in the day and activities will be held in the classroom to reflect this initiative.

Students, staff and parents will also be invited to support the initiative by dressing in **Orange** to show a united stand for the cause. Please remember Sun Safety by ensuring children wear shirts with sleeves, and closed in shoes.

**When:** Friday 16 March  
**Dress Code:** Orange

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

**TAKE A STAND TOGETHER**

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**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.  
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.  
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.  
5. **Contact** the school.  
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**


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**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**

**Friday 16 March 2018**

**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.

The **Camp Quality** puppet show will be visiting St Vincent’s Primary on **the 28th March**. The show answers all the difficult questions kids have about cancer, dispels common myths and teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer – all of which prevents bullying and exclusion!

If you have any questions about the show please feel free to contact James from Camp Quality on (07) 3084 4103
Just a reminder to all families that fees for this term are overdue and payable immediately. Fee accounts were sent to all families to their contact email address in Week One this term (later if children joined the programme after Week One). If you have not received any notification regarding the fees, please contact me immediately. As we carry waiting lists in some grades, outstanding fees will need to be finalised or those positions will be offered to other families. If you have already contacted me regarding late or part payments of fees, there is no need to do so again!

The term is firing along very well with all our teachers reporting happy and enthusiastic faces waiting eagerly for classes each week! Some class times will need to change slightly in the last week of this term owing to the Easter break; however, all classes will most definitely be conducted – regardless of the expected traffic increase around the Commonwealth Games.

Enjoy your week!

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

ST VINCENT’S SENIOR SINGERS

St Vincent’s Senior Singers’ rehearsals for the remainder of Term One are as follows:

- **Group 1 (Monday lunch group)**  Wednesday, 14th March at 7.50am
- **Group 2 (Wednesday lunch group)** Wednesday, 21st March at 7.50am
- **Group 1 (Wednesday lunch group)** Wednesday, 28th March at 7.50am

All rehearsals for this term will be in the Music Room.

Mrs J Bode
Music Specialist

Have you set up your filter notifications on Skoolbag?
Can you believe it’s Week Seven already?!

Hi—My name is Amanda and I am a member of the St Vincent’s P&F Committee.

My youngest, Layla, is settling into Prep, and I look forward to meeting all the other Prep Mum’s and Dad’s next Thursday in the Media room at 8.40am, for the Prep Welcome Morning Tea.

With three children at St Vincent’s, I am lucky to have found a community of families who are at the same stage of life as myself. So often it’s nice to just be around friends who I can easily relate to!

I hope you can join our Principal, Kerry Rowlands, the P&F President, Kate Osborne and myself next Thursday to say hello!

Amanda Flynn
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Games Route Network

The Games Route Network (GRN) is a series of designated road routes linking the Commonwealth Games Village to competition and non-competition venues and the airport.

The GRN is the most efficient means of facilitating safe, secure and reliable transport for athletes and officials so they can arrive at competition events on time.

It will also be used by shuttle buses transporting spectators and workforce to events and business as usual public transport services, to facilitate public transport operations at Games time.

The GRN will see periods of intense use, followed by quieter periods, depending on the GC2018 competition and training schedules.

Due to traffic volumes, some sections of the GRN will require temporary traffic measures to be applied to provide priority to athletes’ and officials’ vehicles.
**MAIN MESSAGES**
- Impact will start to be felt in Week 9 with major influx of people and traffic in Week 10
- Games Route Network will be heavily trafficked
- No excursions in Week 9, 10 this term or Week 1 next term
- Monday April 16th (already nicknamed “Mad Monday”) is expected to be very busy as athletes and visitors travel home.

**PLANNING**
- **Reduce** travel during GC2018 where possible
- **Re-time** your travel outside of peak hours
- **Re-route** your travel to avoid congested roads
- **Re-mode** your travel—cycling, walking or public transport may be quicker than taking the car.

**IT’S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AND YOUR HOLIDAY CARE TRAVEL PLAN NOW**

See Get Set for the Games for further information.
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

13 March
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

ST VINCENT'S
BOOK CLUB

TERM ONE
31 January | 28 February | 21 March

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 QC City Library & have access to multiple copies of each book All St Vincent’s parents’ friends are welcome!

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

123 Magic & Emotions Coaching

Provides parents with ideas and strategies to help them respond to, and manage emotions and challenging behaviours in their 2 to 12 years olds.

Tuesday 13th March 2018 (3 wks)
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Workshop: $30

Triple P

Aims to make parenting easier by offering positive, behaviour approaches to manage challenging behaviours in children aged 0 to 12 years.

Monday 9th January 2018 (4 wks)
9:30am - 11:30am
Workshop: $30

Tuesday 1st March 2018 (4 wks)
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Workshop: $30

Engaging Adolescents

Supports parents to increase their confidence and satisfaction with parenting adolescents aged 12-19 years by learning how to relate to their changing behaviors and strengthen connections.

Tuesday 20th February 2018 (3 wks)
9:30am - 7:30pm
Workshop: $30

Tuesday 15th May 2018 (3 wks)
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Workshop: $30

Raising Your Child in a Digital World

Dr Kristy helps confused and concerned parents make informed decisions about how to best manage screen time at home (so that it doesn’t turn into a “screen time war”), and no, she won’t suggest that you ban the iPad, or unplugging the TV. She translates the latest research about how technology is shaping childhood into practical tips and essential information to help parents navigate kids’ digital worlds with confidence. Parents will understand the latest risks to kids’ online safety, as well as the health, learning and development implications of today’s kids (5-12 years) using digital devices. Dr Kristy will explain how technology is impacting our sleep, social, language, play, physical skills and their vision, hearing and posture and will arm parents with simple strategies about how to best raise kids in a digital world. Parents will learn how to get the most out of their child’s screen time so they can ditch the guilt and HABIT.

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

DATE Thursday 15 March 2018
TIME 4:00-8:00pm (6:30pm starts promptly at 6:30pm)
VENUE Robina Community Centre (main auditorium), 1/10 Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina
COST $39.95
BOOKING https://www.trybooking.com/TW7T

Gold Coast family & relationship services newsletter
February to March 2018

Parenting Programs

Keeping Kids in Mind

Helps separated parents minimise the impact of ongoing contact on children, promotes positive parenting relationships, and provides opportunities to gain insights, skills and strategies to improve children’s needs.

Monday 5th March 2018 (5 wks)
Tuesday 6th March 2018 (5 wks)
5:30pm - 8:30pm
Workshop: $10

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For enquiries or to register please phone (07) 5527 7211

Gold Coast family & relationship services

SUNDAY 18th March 2018
3:00pm
Entry: Gold Coin Donation

Surfers Paradise Golf Club
1 Fairway Drive
Clear Island Waters
Gold Coast

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration. Where you will come together as a family and community to explore the many creative ways the Dream Guards inspire self-belief, excite the imagination and build resilience in our youth while arming them with practical tools to help them stand up to bullying in a positive and powerful way!

RAFFLES | BALLOONS | MAGIC | STORY SHOWING | LAUGHTER
www.dreamguardians.com.au
Total Football Academy will be running an after school soccer program during Term 2 at St Vincent’s Primary School. The program is for Prep to Year 4 students.

Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

The program starts:
Monday 30th April – Monday 11th June
3.15pm – 4.15pm

Program games include playing inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week.

Players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts).

Sign up online www.totalfootballacademy.com.au
or call Danny Morton on 0473 344 778
or email bookings@totalfootballacademy.com.au
Find us on Facebook for wet weather information and special offers

Can you help us?

The Mother’s Day Stall is on again this year selling gifts for $5

Do you have a business that would like to support this event by donating items for children to purchase?

For further information please contact Sarah on 0410 701 515

Broadbeach Cats JAFAC
Junior Girls Program

Come & Try Junior Girls AFL for 3 weeks, FREE
Starting Friday 9th March from 4:15pm to 5:15pm

This will lead into an ALL Girls Auskick in Term 2 for girls U9 as well as U11 team to play in the AFLGCJ Youth Girls Competition

For more details contact Wayne on 0410662 613 or Silvia on 0405 126 500
To Register for the program email Tim on tim.searl@afl.com.au