



NEWSLETTER

ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
A place of shared stories and vibrant memories



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 2nd May
2:30pm Yrs 1&2 Assembly

Friday 3rd May
9:00am Mass (6Red)
Yrs 5-7 Interschool Sport
2:10pm Yrs 3&4 Assembly
6:00pm P&F Trivia Night

Monday 6th May
8:45am Prayer Assembly (4Blue)

Tuesday 7th May
District Cross Country

Wednesday 8th May
Mother's Day Stall
2:30pm Yrs 5/6/7 Assembly
Auskick (after school)

Thursday 9th May
Mothers Day Stall
2:15pm Yrs 1&2 Assembly

Friday 10th May
Yrs 5-7 Interschool Sport
2:10pm Yrs 3&4 Assembly

Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day
9:00am Combined Parish Mass

Tuesday 14th May
NAPLAN Testing
9:00am Yr 2 Excursion
7:00pm P&F Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15th May
NAPLAN Testing
2:30pm Yrs 5/6/7 Assembly
Auskick (after school)

Thursday 16th May
NAPLAN Testing
2:15pm Yrs 1&2 Assembly

Dear Parents

Thursday, 2nd May 2013

*You are the light of the world.
No one lights a candle to put it under a tub.
They put it on a stand where it shines for everyone.
So too, your light must shine for all, so that, seeing the good you do,
they too will come to know the love of God.*

Matthew (5:14-16)

OUTCOMES OF GONSKI STILL UNCLEAR FOR QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The media has reported extensively the negotiations that continue between the Federal and State governments and with the Catholic and Independent sectors regarding future school funding. The Gonski funding model remains under negotiation, however the following statement from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission provides an update of the progress being made and as further information comes to hand, we will pass this onto parents.

QCEC Executive Director Mike Byrne said:

"While the QCEC welcomes the Federal government's commitment of an additional \$1.4 billion funding for Australian Catholic schools (indexed over six years), there are still a number of unknowns to be worked through before we can develop a definitive position on the Gonski funding model.

"QCEC continues to do detailed modelling work to validate the figures provided by the Department (DEEWR) and assess the impact for the Queensland Catholic sector share of the additional funds.

"The funding position of Catholic schools comparative to other schooling sectors is also critical to assessing the model, and we are not yet aware of the details of modelling carried out by the Independent and Government schooling sectors.

"In this respect, I commend Premier Campbell Newman for forming a group comprising the Catholic, State and Independent schooling sectors and senior government officials, that will review the proposed funding model and help inform the State Government prior to the 30 June decision deadline.

"The final outcome that the Gonski model would deliver for Catholic schools in Queensland is also dependant on a significant injection of funding from the State Government.

"QCEC is committed to ongoing negotiations with both State and Federal governments to achieve an equitable funding outcome for Catholic schools."

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



SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH SUNDAY MASS TIMES



SACRED HEART CHURCH
50 Fairway Dr,
Clear Island Waters

Saturday evening 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm

ST VINCENT'S CHURCH
40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Saturday evening 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

STELLA MARIS CHURCH
268 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

Saturday evening 6:00pm
Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am



Don't forget -
NO RIGHT TURN
OUT OF pick up zone

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME Any enquiries - 55725433

NO PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY, 6th MAY

Please be aware that there is no Public Holiday on Monday, 6th May. The Labour Day Holiday, traditionally granted on this day has been transferred to October. The Labour Day Holiday will be on Monday, 7th October.

QLD PARENTS AND FRIENDS FEDERATION APRIL NEWSLETTER

The April newsletter of The Parents and Friends Federation can be downloaded at <http://www.pandf.org.au/2013/20130418/index.html>

ANZAC DAY AT ST VINCENT'S

Thanks, to our Year 5B students and teachers who led our school community last Wednesday. It was a very moving ANZAC service. As a community we can be very proud of the behaviour and respect shown by our students during this service.

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many children representing St Vincent's School in the annual Anzac Day March in Robina. Last Thursday morning over 50 St Vincent's students (the largest number from any of the local schools) joined with veterans and other members of our local community to recognise the sacrifices made by many at the Anzac Day Service at Robina. After the service the chaplain who led the service as well as members of the public came over to congratulate the children on their behavior and the respect they showed during the service. Both these events certainly showed that the ANZAC spirit is alive and well at St Vincent's.

MOTHER'S DAY PARISH MASS

Our parish mass will again be combined with St Kevin's School and is to be celebrated on Sunday, 12th May, in the Sacred Heart Church beginning at 9.00am. We always get plenty of positive feedback when our students take part in the parish mass so we would love to see you join us as we celebrate Mass with our wider parish community. If your child (ren) wish to participate in the Mass it would be appreciated if you could please email Vicki at vjohannes@bne.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday the 7th May, so that jobs can be allocated. Thank you for your continuing support of school and parish events.

NAPLAN 2013

The Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Tests will take place at school from Tuesday, 14th May – Thursday, 16th May (refer to the table below). 'Catch-Up' tests for absent students will be held on Friday, 17th May. It is important to recognize that these tests are a snapshot of your child's ability at one point in time. Staff at St Vincent's consider the NAPLAN results as one part of a broader assessment schedule that takes place throughout the school year.

2013 Test timetable			
Tuesday 14 May Official test date	Wednesday 15 May Official test date	Thursday 16 May Official test date	Friday 17 May
Language and Writing	Reading	Numeracy	Catch up tests

Withdrawal of students – Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent / carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/ carers in consultation with the school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Should you wish to consider withdrawing your child from a test or tests, please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss the matter prior to Friday, 10th May when relevant paperwork must be completed. Your child's classroom teacher is the best person to discuss any NAPLAN or other assessment questions you may have.

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

All parent volunteers must complete training to become a registered volunteer **before** they can be parent helpers. The next volunteers course will be on Friday, 10th May at 2:15pm in the staffroom. For parents who have previously completed the training it is necessary to have updated paperwork for this year. Parents are asked to sign the '**Volunteers Suitability Declaration**' again and also sign off on the '**Volunteers Code of Conduct**'. Both these forms are available in the front office and once the Volunteers Suitability Declaration is signed it will be retained by the office for filing. There is no need for parents who were registered volunteers last year to complete a '**Student Protection Training Session**' again.

If you have completed the course and no longer wish to be on the list please inform the office or alternatively, if you are on the list and *do not* sign the Volunteers Suitability Declaration you will be unable to assist in the classroom

FIRE DRILL

This morning, the school conducted a Fire Drill. It is important that these emergency drills are conducted so staff and children are aware of the procedure should a situation arise that involves immediate danger to the health and/or safety of the school community. It is a Workplace, Health & Safety requirement that we have a 'Fire Drill Procedure' and that all members of the community know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Damian Vicki Chris Kerry



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2013



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$22/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$17/week if you hold a concession card)
- Does your child travel on a **publically available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2013.**

Late applications cannot be accepted.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Kids today often talk about parents or teachers who are 'mean'. Mostly, this translates as the adult having definite expectations and a preparedness to ensure that appropriate consequences are applied. They expect children to be responsible for their own behaviour and accept the consequences of the choices they make. With Mothers' Day next Sunday, I thought I would share the following which was actually written in 1967, but is just as relevant today!

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from the other kids also.

But at least, I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less - not one hour and one minute more.

We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. The other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the height of insults because she made our clothes herself, just to save money. Why, oh why, did we have to have a mother who made us feel different from our friends?

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labour law. She made us

work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us- and it nearly did. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16.

As the years rolled by, first one and then the other of us graduated from high school. With our mother behind us, guiding and demanding respect, none of us was allowed the pleasure of being a drop-out.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us have ever been arrested, or beaten a spouse. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. And whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at the things we missed.

Using this as a model, I am trying to raise my three children along similar lines. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world.

Happy Mothers' Day to all our mums (even if you are mean!)

Tony

Have a great week

Tony (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)

FINANCE DESK

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 school fees are due this **FRIDAY 3rd MAY** and your prompt attention in settling fees is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those families who have finalised their account.

For those families who have set up a direct debit or credit card payment plan, you will still receive a statement for your records only. Please note that if you are paying via direct debit or credit card, any band fees will not be included in these payments due to the different amount of weeks each term, and will need to be paid separately by cash, cheque or credit card.

The bottom portion of your fee statement can be completed with your credit card details and dropped at the office in the 'fee collection box' to avoid lengthy queues, and a receipt will be issued and sent via the eldest child's classroom.

Thank you, Sharon Simmons (Finance Officer) ssimmons@bne.catholic.edu.au

SPORT NEWS

ST VINCENT'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Years 2-7 Cross Country Carnival was held at St Vincent's last Tuesday, 23rd April, with Shannon house the 2013 champions with 569 points. Second was Vincent (518), followed by MacKillop (469) and Mercy (447). Well done to all those who competed on the day.

Age Champions

7 yrs: Boys – Brayden P, Girls – Maddie M

8 yrs: Boys – Luke F, Girls – Jorja G

9 yrs: Boys – Samuel J, Girls – Molly M

10 yrs: Boys – Lochie J, Girls – Caitlyn L

11 yrs: Boys – Peter H, Girls – Daisy F

12 yrs: Boys – Josh T, Girls – Lily B

13 yrs: Boys – Josh C, Girls – Mia H

Awards Presentations (medals & place ribbons) will be held next week.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY (10-13yrs)

The District Cross Country will be held at Pizzezy Park next Tuesday, 7th May. The selected team have been handed notes which must be returned tomorrow.

CATHOLIC CROSS COUNTRY (8-13 yrs)

The Catholic Cross Country will be held at St Brigid's, Nerang on Thursday, 30th May. An extended train-on squad will be selected for this carnival, with team selection based on performances closer to the date.

ATHLETICS DATES

The St Vincent's Years 2-7 Carnival is now scheduled for the first Friday back next term, Friday 12th July. The Prep-2 Sports Fun day will be held on a Friday later in Term 3.

The District 'B' Schools Track & Field Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 31st July (term 3, week 4), with the Championship carnival on Thursday, 1st August. Later in second term is the Gold Coast Catholic Schools Track & Field carnival and Ball Games, to be held on Thursday, 5th September.

Peter Brennan PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All book club orders have been distributed to children. Orders close Friday, 3rd May. Please remember that orders are to be paid either on line by credit card, cheque or money order (payable to Scholastic Book Club). **PLEASE NOTE—NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED**

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now been running for three weeks. We hope you are collecting your stickers from the checkout of your local Woolworths. The program runs until 9th June. Did you know: the most popular resources redeemed last year were in core curriculum areas?



Top 5 Categories redeemed in 2012 were:

1. Maths
2. English
3. Arts & Crafts
4. Science
5. Construction

We look forward to seeing fantastic results and thank you for supporting our school.

"ALL TIME LEGENDS" TRIVIA NIGHT

This Friday, May 3rd ~ 7pm start.
meet and mingle from 6pm

All welcome to this fabulous, fun,
free P&F event!

**Great prizes - including 2 Nights at
Mantra Surfers Paradise**

Always a great night - looking
forward to seeing you there

BYO drinks and nibbles,
and a few dollars for raffles
Late RSVPs to Genevieve 0405 287838

BIG SALE

Party Prizes

Need prizes for your next
birthday party or
good choice boxes??
We're selling our left over prizes
from St Vincent's Night
CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP!!!

10c, 20c, 50c

Wednesday 15 May
Near the Drop Off Zone
(Outside Casey Hall)

**8am – 9.30am &
2pm – 3.30pm**

All proceeds go towards P&F projects
improving facilities at St Vincent's

Enquiries

Ph. Edwina 0412 834 833

MOTHER'S DAY STALL NEXT WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Please note dates for some great social and general interest events this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Details</u>
Term 2		
Friday 3 May,	6pm	Trivia Night
Wed/Thurs 8 & 9 May		
Tuesday 14 May,	7pm—9pm	General Meeting (Focus of meeting to be confirmed)
Term 3		
Monday July 15		Rosie's Appeal Launch
Friday 2 August		Girls' Night Out (TBC)
Tuesday 13 August		P&F General Meeting (Focus of meeting TBC)
Wed/Thurs 28 & 29 August		Father's Day Stall
Term 4		
Friday 25 October		Dad's and Kid's Campout
Monday 4 November		Share the Joy Appeal Launch
Sunday 10 November		School Parish Mass Grandparents' Morning Tea
Tuesday 19 November		P&F General Meeting and AGM

Cheerio for now

Julianne

Julianne Young
President, P&F
tuska2@onthenet.com.au

Our Committee's pledge is to:

"Treat all parents and friends of the school with courtesy and respect, and to deal with all matters coming before us impartially and in the best interests of the majority.



ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR YEAR 7 & 8 2015



- School visitation by College Administration
Week 1 Term 2, 2013
- Year 7 & 8 Information Evening
Wednesday 24 April 7:00pm at St Michael's College
- St Michael's College Open Day
Saturday 4 May 9:00am – 11:30am
- Applications for Year 8 2015
Due Monday 13 May
- Interviews for Year 8 2015
Monday 20 May – Friday 24 May
- Applications for Year 7 2015
Due Monday 20 May
- Interviews for Year 7 2015
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

*Any queries please contact Gail Stoner, Enrolment Officer on:
5530 2722 xt. 2006*

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE Year 7/8 2015

'Enrolments are now closing for Year 8, 2014 with limited vacancies. Enrolments are well under way for Year 7/8 2015 with the next round of interviews to be held on May 20/21. Enrolment packages are available from the St Vincent's Office. All enquires to the Enrolment Secretary Mrs Jan Crick on 5586 1003.



MARYMOUNT

College



AQUINAS COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Friday 10 May 2013

2 - 5 pm

COME AND SEE:

- Award Winning Performing Arts Precinct
- Department Displays
- Various Band Performances
- Interactive IT Display
- Industrial Technology Demonstration
- Tertiary Entrance and Vocational Opportunities
- Cultural Display
- Take a Guided Tour of the College

Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore
Phone: 07 5510 2888
www.aquinas.qld.edu.au

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Insights from Benedictines - John Main & Laurence Freeman

Options: 10am – Noon **OR** 7pm – 9pm (3 Mondays)

A contemplative practice that opens us up to the Spirit and peace, already present at the centre of our being.

An opportunity to explore the background & meaning of meditation, in Christian tradition, and to learn by meditating within a group (take-home CD & notes) All welcome: new comers & “refreshers”.

Facilitators: Bernadette Kavanagh-Stewart, Paul Gilroy

DATE: May 20, 27; June 3 (Mondays)

VENUE: Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Dr., Clear Is Wts.

BOOKINGS: 55207242(Bernadette) 55725433 (Sue Thomas)



GREAT GIFT IDEA



Make Mum's day.

Spoil your Mum this Mother's Day by giving her 5 chances to indulge in a spending spree or treat the family to a holiday

Buy a book of tickets after Mass

PRIZES!

1st Prize: \$10,000 Cash + plus \$10,000 in Travel Vouchers*

2nd Prize: \$ 3,500 Shopping Spree at the Good Guys*

3^d Prize: \$1,500 Food/Gift Vouchers*

**Not redeemable for cash*

TICKETS \$10 each or books of 5 for \$50

(Book buyers prize \$500 cash + Kambrook Food Processor)

Purchase your tickets from the School Office or Parish Office or phone 5572 5433 to purchase over the phone.

SALES CLOSE 30TH JUNE 2013 DRAWN 14 JULY 2013

Remember to buy Mum or the lady in your life a ticket today



COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Free treatment for children (aged 8 to 12 years) who WORRY a lot

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Parents, is your child a worrier or a "worry wart"? Does your child worry a lot about everything like school, family, friends, their health and saying the wrong thing? At Griffith University we are offering a free treatment program for children aged 8 to 12 years who worry a lot. **Interested?** Contact Dr. Lara Farrell (07) 5552 8317 or Monique Holmes (07) 3735 3305; email noworries-program@griffith.edu.au ; Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NoWorriesProgram>



FOR SALE

2 x Nike soccer boots US Size 4y and 5y (approx 23 cm) in VGC, - happy to sell both pairs for \$10 in total

Call Sarah on 0415699579 (A/hrs)