Hello Vincent Community!

Principal’s report
Hello everyone. This week is Be Safe week, as well as State Education Week and World Teachers’ Day on Friday. This week, our focus is on behaviour that makes us all feel safe coming to school every day.

Here is a message from Patrea Walton, Queensland’s Deputy Director-General of State Schools:

State Education Week (22–28 October) is the perfect time to reflect on the contributions that teachers, principals and support staff make towards the future of our state and nation.

Queensland state schools continue to be places of collaboration and innovative practice that deliver a truly world-class education for all students. Our students’ success is a reflection of the outstanding work that you do every day, through what international education expert Professor John Hattie describes as your “persistent and relentless attention to evidence-based impact”.

To everyone who contributes to the amazing achievements of state schools, I say thank you. You have every reason to be proud of the work that you do, which makes an inestimable difference in the lives of students and their families.

Great teachers are nation-builders — they have the power to change the lives of young people and to shape the society that we want to see in the future.

Hallowe’en Disco: our spooky disco is this afternoon! It is hosted by our P&C in the hall from 5pm to 7pm. Parents are welcome to attend for free. Tickets are not available at the door and must be pre-purchased. There will be food and drinks for you to purchase at the kitchen. Students with tickets get a drink and a sausage as part of their ticket price of $5. Security guards will be on site at the time.

Tomorrow is World Teachers’ Day. We will have a special assembly tomorrow morning from 8:50 – 9:05am. All are welcome to attend. Teaching is a vocation, not a job. My grandmother inspired me to be a teacher with her stories - she was one of two women in her class to attend teachers’ college in the 1920s leading up to the Great Depression. Teachers inspire our children to dream big and do the best they can to make goals and to achieve goals.

Cheers,
Damien Tillack

IMPORTANT DATES
Hallowe’en Disco: TODAY 5-7pm in the Hall
Homework Club: Every Wednesday, 3:00-4:00pm
Tucka-Time: for CCD, Wednesdays 8:30-10:30, Term 4
Swimming lessons: Every Thursday for Years 1-6.
‘Welcome to Prep’: Friday mornings with Ms Koppe!
(Transition to Prep 2018) starts 13 October
NEXT P&C Meeting: Friday 10 Nov 3:30pm
Year 6 Graduation: Tuesday 28 Nov 6:30pm
Year 6 transition to High School Day: Wednesday 29 Nov (all day at their 2018-high school)
Awards Assembly for Prep-Year 5: Wednesday 29 Nov, 8:50-9:10am
ECDP Playgroup Graduation: Wednesday 29 Nov, 9:00-11:00am
Christmas Celebration: Thursday 30 Nov, 3:30-4:30pm
Report cards issued: Tuesday 5 Dec

ATTENDANCE

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‘Closing The Gap’ at Vincent State School

You may have heard on the news that the Federal Government is considering changing how it addresses ‘Closing The Gap’ between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in education and health outcomes.

Last week, our school’s Leadership Team met with our Assistant Regional Director to examine our data. Based on our Explicit Improvement work here since July 2014, we can link this to our success in ‘Closing The Gap’ with Indigenous students’ results in NAPLAN. Our school’s gap is closing, and it is a smaller gap than other similar schools and our North Queensland Region’s overall gap in NAPLAN results.

Vincent State School has often had no gap in students’ Level Of Achievement in English and Maths for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students for various year levels. This is fantastic progress.

We still have a long way to go with improving attendance.

Students and Goal Achievers of the week

Farewell

Towards the end of this term, we will farewell Mr Emry Pere and Mr Jack Lote, our Cowboys footballers employed as Male Mentors and Teacher Aides. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Vincent Voucher Club winners: Gotcha being good!

Art Club: New Zealand using Symmetry

Visual Arts

Mrs Guy and Mr Tillack have started Visual Arts lessons. All classes will have lessons that link to another subject. CCD was first off the rank. Their art, a series of prints, is linked to their English assignment which is a story about fears.

Electricity Power Poles Upgrade

This Saturday, the power will be off at the school from about 8:30am to 2:30pm. Beware of the large vehicles.

Tucka-Time: Journalists from Channel 7, WIN news and the Townsville Bulletin visited us yesterday.

View the news reports on their facebook pages!

CCD prepared and cooked carrotcake muffins. Yum!