2015 will be another exciting year for students, staff and families. This year’s focus is WRITING! We start an exciting writing program this week. Ask your children what a ‘Sizzling Start’ is!

We aim to continue with programs started in Term 3 last year that had amazing success in improving reading levels. To help achieve further success, our classes will have small groups for English (English, Spelling, Vocabulary) and Maths. We also have the computer programs Reading Eggs and Mathletics. A spelling homework program will start shortly.

We welcome new staff: **Ms Jo Tanzer** is our new Pedagogy Coach. A pedagogy coach acts as a coach for teachers and helps them develop their teaching (pedagogy) skills. Ms Tanzer transferred in from Rasmussen State School. **Ms Cindy Hillier-Black** is our Year 3/4/5 class teacher. She has transferred in from Currajong State School. **Mrs Miranda Van Der Slooten** is our new Guidance Officer. Some parents may remember Miranda from her time here as GO a few years ago. **Mrs Trish Loveday** has returned from Bohlevale State School as an Educational Interpreter. **Mr Corey Jensen** and **Mr Samsen O’Neill**, semi-professional athletes, are Teacher Aides and mentors for rugby league and Physical Education lessons.

Attendance: Lessons have started. It’s really important that students attend every day as soon as possible. Our first Attendance Rewards Party (for 100% attendance) will be in Week 3.

Remember, healthy breakfasts and lunches help students to follow our school rules: be a learner, be respectful and be safe.

We seek some parent representatives for our behaviour team (School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning Team) and Parents and Community Engagement (PACE) plan. We welcome parent volunteers with a Blue Card.

I will continue as Acting Principal for the 2015 school year.

Cheers,
Damien Tillack
I extend a warm welcome back to you all. Your tuckshop will be opened every day until the end of the first break. Our convenor, Mrs Tracey Weston, will there each day together with volunteers. If you are able to assist on any day from around 8.30am through until 11.30am we would be delighted to have you. Please call into the tuckshop if you are interested and speak with Tracey. I am sometimes there as well and would be delighted to discuss anything with you.

Tuckshop prices will remain the same for the present but there will need to be some changes as quite a number of items have increased in price. We will keep any increases to a minimum.

We have some new items now in the tuckshop for your convenience – scrapbooks, exercise books, pencils, scissors, rubbers and rulers. They are very reasonably priced. So if you are looking for any of these items we may have what you are looking for.

Our new polo shirts are selling really well – they are very smart with our new logo. The new shirts cost $30.00 each. We still have some of the previous style for $25.00 until they are all gone. Red hats cost $7.50 and the black shorts $11.00 each.

Jennifer Buckby, President
P & C Association.

Good Beginnings Australia is a national Charitable Organisation. The Townsville Site runs a variety of programs, undertaken by full-time and part-time Family Support Workers, Community Engagement Officers, and an Early Education Worker, along with our Manager and Admin support from a variety of backgrounds.

We have the Vincent Family Support Program, which offers support to families with Children 0-12 years of age that attend the Vincent State School, or live in the suburb of Vincent.

Three free playgroups in different suburbs offer a three-pronged approach, meaning we have an Early Education Officer, Family Support Officer, and Community Engagement Officer at each group. In addition we run a variety of programs under Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) funding.

Further information contact the Good Beginnings Office on 4725 3353. Or visit us Vincent State School, Block B, Hodges Crescent, Vincent.