Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, Mrs Schmid confirmed that she is taking some leave from her role as Principal here at Vincent SS. Mrs Schmid’s leave is quite sudden and she wants the community to know that it was not an easy decision to make, however she felt it necessary to do at this time. She sends her best for each and every student and family.

My name is John Kratzmann and I will be the Principal here at Vincent SS in Mrs Schmid’s absence. For those that have been part of the Vincent SS community for a few years you might remember that I have been Acting Principal here at Vincent for a few months back in 2012. I very much enjoyed my time here way back in 2012 and I sincerely look forward to working with you, your children and our dedicated staff.

First of all, a little about myself. My previous role was the Deputy Principal of Kirwan SS, responsible for the 420 Years 4 – 7 students at Kirwan. Last year I completed 6 months of Acting Principal work at Wulguru SS. I am also currently the North Queensland Under 12 Schoolboys league coach for the upcoming State Championships. I value teams and see our school as one big team. I very much enjoy seeing children achieve and be successful and I am committed to each and every child. Importantly, I have VERY high expectations around student behaviour and effort. I take pride in my school and will be relentless to get the very best for each and every student. I know the teachers here at Vincent do this each and every day. I look forward to playing my role in the Vincent team.

I encourage parents to come in see me if you have any concerns. I value the partnership between home and school and recognise that it is vital in our student’s success.

Please remind your children about the things we expect of them at Vincent. These are:

- To be learners, show respect and be safe – this will mean they are successful
- To arrive at school on time, ready to start the day
- To come to school each and every day with a smile
- To play by the rules.

As I said before, I look forward to being part of the Vincent team. Over the coming weeks our school will focus on:

- Reading, Reading, Reading
- Attendance – coming to school each day on time
- Student Behaviour and consequences for unacceptable behaviours
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

I look forward to working with you, your children and our dedicated team here at Vincent SS.

Sincerely
John Kratzmann
Deaf Sports and Recreation Visit

Athletes from Deaf Sports and Recreation visited Vincent State School on Wednesday as part of their Queensland wide awareness raising of the wide range of abilities of Deaf Athletes.

Year 2/3 (Mr Kann) and Year 6/7 (Mrs Geary) classes participated in fun games which were accessible by both Deaf and Hearing students. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

One of the athletes, Jamie-Lee Lewis, stunned the Year 6/7 footballers by revealing that she was Wally Lewis’ daughter and promised to tell her father that the students at Vincent School are the best ever!

Adopt a Cowboy

On Tuesday, Scott Bolton from the North Queensland Cowboys came out to Vincent to work with our students in his role as our Adopt a Cowboy.

He went into Year 7 and gave some insight into his life and his role as a professional footballer.

Our Year 7’s are working on biographies and will construct a biography of Scott’s life. I look forward to reading them and possibly (with Scott’s permission) publishing his biography in the newsletter.

Scott also found the time to play with our junior school, dressing up and shooting some hoops.

The kids had a ball.

Go Cowboys. Thank you.

Vision Screening

Thanks to all the parents who returned their child’s Vision Screening Questionnaire form.

Screening was carried out today.

If any children require further investigations, parents will be notified.

Kirwan State High School
Year 7 and 8 Information Nights 2015

Year 7 into 8  Monday 21 July
Year 6 into 7  Tuesday 22 July

Performing Arts Block
Commencing at 7.00pm